A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Mitchell, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council. February, 1863.

ARTHUR II. GORDON.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council the copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, dated Downing Street, 7th April, 1862.

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Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant Governor.

Downing Street, 7th April, 1862.

SIR,—With reference to your Despatch of the 4th ultime, I have the honor to request that you will inform the Legislative Council that I have laid their Address of Condolence before the Queen.

Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and has commanded me to signify the satisfaction afforded to Her by the sense which the Legislative Council manifest of the loss she has sustained, and by their loyal and cordial expressions of sympathy.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Hon. A. H. Gordon, &c &c. &c.

The Honorable Mr. Mitchell, by leave, presented a Petition from George M'Connell and others, for division of Parish of Shippegan.

ORDERED, That the same be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

## FRIDAY, 20th February, 1863. PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Saunders sitting as President.

Mr. Botsford, Kinnear, Harrison, Streves, Rice, Mitchell, Mr. Chandler,
Minchin,
Davidson,
Seely,
Earle,
Perley.

## PRAYERS.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Steeves, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council.—20th February, 1863.

## ARTHUR H. GORDON.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council Papers and Correspondence on the following subject, viz:—