PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Harrison, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with their Address in answer to the Speech, reported that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would receive the Council with their Address on Monday next at half-past twelve o'clock at Government House.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from the President and Members of the Diocesan Church Society, praying for an Act of Incorporation. ORDERED. That the same be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 28th February, 1853.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Saunders. Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Minchin,

Mr. Solicitor General. Mr. Harrison,

Mr. Brown,

Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Botsford,

PRAYERS.

At half-past twelve o'clock the House proceeded to the Government House with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session: and being returned-

The Honorable the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to return an answer thereto, of which he had received a copy, which he read; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

- " Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
- "I thank you for your Address, and for the assurance it contains of your readiness to aid in considering such measures as may tend to the welfare of the Province."

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

From Reverend W. Ferries, praying alterations in Charter for incorporating Presbyterian Church:

From John Hamilton and others, with a like prayer:

From John Lees and others, with a like prayer: and

From Clement Bradley, praying that a Judgment of Escheat may be cancelled.

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

The Honorable Mr. Harrison, by leave, presented a Petition from John Dibblee and others, praying for Vote by Ballot at Elections.

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