Mr. Wright, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of Robert S. Patterson, and others, praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents, who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Wilmot Creek, and vicinity, praying aid to repair a Bridge in that District;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Bedeque, praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

## Tuesday, 17th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

## PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey,

The Hon. Mr. Bagnall,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Forgan,

Mr. Craswell,

Mr. Aldous.

Mr. Wright,

## PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. President informed the House, that indisposition prevents Mr. Walker from attending in his place.

Ordered, That Mr. Walker's excuse be received.

The Hon. Mr. Attorney General, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House the following Papers, viz:—