The Honorable Mr. Seely, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he would receive this House with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would receive the House at one o'clock on Thursday next.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 2 o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY, 18th February, 1863.

## PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Saunders sitting as President.

Mr. Minchin, Davidson, Seely, Perley.

Mr. Harrison, Steeves, Mitchell.

PRAYERS.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

## THURSDAY, 19th February, 1863. PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Saunders sitting as President.

Mr. Botsford, Minchin, Davidson, Seely, Mitchell, Mr. Chandler, Harrison, Steeves, Rice, Perley.

## PRAYERS.

At one 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 Mr. Saunders 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 reflect with satisfaction upon the loyal and patriotic spirit which guides your deliberations."

On motion made and seconded—

RESOLVED, That a Contingent Committee be appointed, to report upon the Contingencies of this House during the present Session; and that they be authorized to order such Newspapers as may be necessary, and take into consideration and report upon the subject of reporting and publishing the Debates during the Session.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Botsford, Steeves, and Rice, be

the said Committee.