

## FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1864.

## PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. McDonnell, the House resumed the consideration of the Address proposed yesterday in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government. Address considered.

And thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the same be again read and considered, clause by clause. Read clause by clause.

And accordingly the respective clauses thereof were, upon the question put thereon, severally agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the address do pass. Passed.

*Ordered*, That the address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the address be presented to his Excellency the Administrator of the Government by the whole House.

The hon. the Provincial Secretary, by command of his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, announced to the House that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day at half-past three of the clock, at Government House, to receive the House with their Address. Announcement.

Accordingly, at half-past three of the clock, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to Government House, to attend his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, with the Address of the House in answer to the Speech of his Excellency at the opening of the Session. House attend Governor with Address.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had presented the address to his Excellency and that his Excellency had been pleased to give this reply thereto: Reply reported.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

I receive with much gratification your address, and I thank you for the readiness you have displayed in conveying to me your desire to give your careful attention to the various subjects which will be brought before you.

I sincerely hope that the result of your deliberations may tend to the progress and prosperity of the Province.

The hon. Isaac LeVesconte, Financial Secretary, returned duly elected a member for the county of Richmond, and Charles J. Campbell, Esquire, returned duly elected a member for the county of Victoria, respectively took the oath of allegiance before the hon. John H. Anderson and the hon. Alexander Keith, Commissioners appointed to administer the same, and took their seats as such members. Members sworn in.

A petition of Lewis Smith, of Brookfield, in the county of Queens, Esquire, was presented by Mr. McLelan, and read, setting forth that the petitioner and Charles Allison, Esquire, were at the last general election candidates for the representation of the Northern division of the said county in General Assembly; that on opening the poll books and counting up the votes, the Sheriff declared that there appeared to be a majority of six votes in favor of your petitioner; that at the investigation demanded by the said Charles Allison, the Sheriff illegally entertained objections other than those which he was by law entitled to consider, and struck off votes of persons into whose right to vote he was not authorised to enquire, and in other respects acted unfairly and partially in the conduct of such investigation; that a number of persons not qualified to vote at such election voted for the said Charles Allison, and petitioner had a majority of good votes and ought to have been declared by the Sheriff duly elected; and petitioner prayed that the House would appoint a committee to investigate the subject matter of his petition, and give him such relief as by law he might be entitled to. Election petition North Queens.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will on Saturday next the thirteenth day of February instant, at two of the clock, take into consideration the petition of Time for considering.