Which being ended, the House of Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders reported His Excellency's Speech.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 14th February, 1863.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Saunders sitting as President.

Mr. Chandler, Harrison, Seely, Mr. Minchin, Steeves. Mitchell.

PRAYERS.

Adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 16th February, 1863.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Saunders, Minchin, Steeves, Mitchell. Mr. Chandler, Harrison, Seely,

PRAYERS.

An Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech is moved and seconded; which being read, is approved of and adopted, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency The Honorable ARTHUR HAMILTON GORDON, C. M. G., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Numble Address of Her Majesty's Legislative Council in General Assembly. MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

1. We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session.

2. We thank Your Excellency for the information that the Address of Condolence on the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort was duly laid at the foot of the Throne, and that Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen is deeply sensible of our loyal attachment and sympathy.

3. We observe with regret that War continues to rage in the United States, and unite with Your Excellency in deploring the spectacle of a sanguinary struggle which inflicts misery on so large a portion of the human race, and fervently pray for its speedy termination.

4. We thank Your Excellency for the information connected with the proposed Inter-Colonial Railway, and the intimation that the Papers relating thereto will be immediately laid before us. A question of such vital importance to the best interests of the Province will receive from us the most careful and earnest attention.