

Adjournment.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising do adjourn till to-morrow at Twelve o'clock.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Twelve of the Clock.

Thursday, 16th May, 1861.

Petition from G. J. Hogsett and C. Furey, on Harbor Main Election.

Mr. KENT presented a Petition from George J. Hogsett and Charles Furey, Esquires, which was received and read, setting forth,—

That Petitioners were Candidates for the representation of the District of Harbor Main during the late Election, and were opposed by Patrick Nowlan and Thomas Byrne, Esquires. That Petitioners were duly put in Nomination on the day appointed therefor. That previous to the day of Polling, Petitioners applied to the Government to allow the Salmon Cove voters to register their votes in Harbor Main, instead of Cat's Cove, such application having been made by Petitioners, from their knowledge that force and violence would be resorted to by a portion of the Cat's Cove people to obstruct the Salmon Cove voters in the exercise of their franchise—this application was rejected. That on the day of polling the Salmon Cove voters, when proceeding peaceably to record their votes, were fired upon by thirty or forty armed men, a portion of the Cat's Cove voters; one of the supporters of Petitioners, was shot dead, and ten very seriously wounded;—owing to which, and a barricade which was erected across the street or road leading to the Polling Booth, the Salmon Cove voters were obliged to retreat, and thirty-six of said voters registered their votes at Harbor Main, with the sanction and approval of the Returning Officer. That on the fourth day of May, Patrick Strapp, Returning Officer, in the presence of Charles H. Renouf, James Hackett, and Thomas McKen, voluntarily and without any threat, intimidation or coercion of any sort, signed, and gave to Petitioners the annexed Certificate of their return. That Petitioners attended before the Commissioners appointed to swear in Members of the House of Assembly, and produced their Certificate and demanded to be sworn, but were refused, and upon taking their seats in the said House of Assembly, were forcibly expelled by order of the present Premier. And Petitioners further say, that owing to the firing, intimi-