

him from attending in his place during the present session. He trusted, however, to be sufficiently restored to enable him to comply with the wishes of the House shortly.

Ordered, that *Mr. Dingwell's* excuse be received.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time, the House was resumed, and

Mr. President reported, that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with their Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following answer:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

I thank you for your Address, and for the assurance that you will give your best attention to the measures I have brought under your notice.

You may rely on my cordial co-operation in your endeavours to increase the welfare of the Colony.

Ordered, That *Mr. Gardiner* have leave to absent himself for one week.

Ordered, That *Mr. Goff* have leave to absent himself for one week.

Mr. Palmer, as one of the Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum, laid before the House an abstract of the Annual Report, and a Return of the Paupers and Lunatics in the Asylum from the 1st February, 1860, to 31st January, 1861.

[See Appendix, No. 1.]

Adjourned until Monday next, at Eleven o'clock.