THURSDAY, 26th February, 1857.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black. President.

Mr. Saunders, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Hill, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Wark, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Robinson. Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Odell,
Mr. Steeves,
Mr. Rice,

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. M'Adam, with a Bill to incorporate the Chairman and Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at Old Ridge, Saint Stephen; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Johnson, with a Bill to incorporate the Chatham Gas Light Company; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

OEDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion-

ORDERED, That a Select Committee be appointed to report upon all Bills relating to Corporations which may be referred to them during the present Session; and that the Honorable Messieurs Odell, Steeves, and Robinson, do compose the same.

The Honorable Mr. Steeves, by leave, presented the following Petitions:-

From the Albert Mining Company, for relief from payment of Royalty: and From Elisha Peck, Esquire, and others, for aid to a Public Wharf.

ORDERED, That the same be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Moncton, for a Law to regulate elections of Church Officers. Ordered, That the same be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Seely, by leave, presented the following Petitions:-

From the Directors of the Saint John Protestant Orphan Asylum, for Act of Incorporation: and

From Jane Frances James, for aid to a School.

ORDERED, That the same be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Davidson, by leave, presented the following Petitions:— From James Murray, for remuneration for extra work done on Miscou Light House:

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