

bly:—It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Assembly, do repair to the place where the Sittings of the Assembly are usually holden, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker; and that you present the person who shall be so chosen to His Excellency, in this House, at the hour of two o'clock, P. M. to-morrow, for approval."

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 1 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 13th February, 1863.

PRESENT :

THE HON. *Mr. Saunders sitting as President.*

*Mr. Chandler,
Harrison,
Seely,*

*Mr. Minchin,
Steeves.
Mitchell.*

PRAYERS.

At two o'clock His Excellency the Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, C. M. G., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honorable the President, to let the Assembly know—"It is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

Mr. Allen said—

"May it please Your Excellency,

"In obedience to Your Excellency's commands, the House of Assembly, in the exercise of their right and privilege, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker; they have chosen me to that honorable and important office, and now present me for Your Excellency's approval."

The Honorable Mr. Saunders said—

"Mr. Allen,

"I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to assure you, that he is fully sensible of your zeal for the public service, and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the House of Assembly, and that he doth most readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker."

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said—

"May it please Your Excellency,

"Your Excellency having been pleased to approve the choice of the House of Assembly in electing me to be their Speaker, on my own behalf I have to request that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly."

Then the Honorable Mr. Saunders said—

"Mr. Speaker,

"Though His Excellency is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, His Excellency will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions."