

*“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,  
“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“ There is one topic on which I have not yet touched. The consolidation and amendment of our Provincial Laws is fraught with consequences most important to the future well-being of New Brunswick. The final Reports of the Commissioners appointed by me will be placed in your hands, and I trust you will see cause to acknowledge the industry and energy of the Gentlemen so employed.

“ You will no doubt avoid all needless delay in submitting for Her Majesty’s assent, in the form of Bills, those changes which may demand your immediate approval; but you will not at the same time forget the necessity for mature and anxious deliberation in such momentous questions.

“ I now leave you to the discharge of your public duties, with an earnest hope that God may bless your exertions, and promote thereby the happiness and prosperity of this Province.”

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

The Honorable the President reported His Excellency’s Speech.

An Address, in answer to His Excellency’s Speech, is moved and seconded; which being read—

ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Journals of this House be printed daily, and that three hundred copies thereof be furnished.

*Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o’clock.*

FRIDAY, 10th February, 1854.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Black, President.*

*Mr. Saunders,  
Mr. Chandler,  
Mr. Solicitor General,  
Mr. Hazen,  
Mr. Gilbert.*

*Mr. Botsford,  
Mr. Hatch,  
Mr. Minchin,  
Mr. Odell,*

PRAYERS.

*The House adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o’clock.*

SATURDAY, 11th February, 1854.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

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Mr. Hatch,*

*Mr.*