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THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 1870

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interview with him. His Excellency had informed him that he had sent for him, in accordance with the usual constitutional practice, as the mover of the amendment upon the Address in Reply to the Opening Speech. His Excellency had asked him if he were prepared to form a Ministry, and he had replied that it was a very serious and perhaps a troublesome duty to perform; and he requested a little time for consideration—a request which His Excellency had been kind enough to accede to. He had since consulted with some members of the House, and he had now to inform honorable members present that to-morrow, in all probability, he would be in a position to state positively what would then have taken place between His Excellency and himself. Negotiations were at that moment pending, which obliged him to ask the House for an adjournment until to-morrow. He would therefore move, or request the honorable member at the head of the Government to move, that this House do adjourn until the usual time to-morrow.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said a request of this nature was invariably, as a matter of courtesy, acceded to. He had, therefore, great pleasure in moving the adjournment. To-morrow would be Friday, and the usual sitting was in the morning; but, perhaps, honorable members would for once submit to the inconvenience of attending at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question was put and passed, and the House adjourned.

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Mr. BELL said it became his duty to announce to the House that he had had the honor of receiving a message from His Excellency the Governor yesterday, and that, in obedience to the command contained in that message, he had waited upon His Excellency at Government House, and there had an