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Obsequies of President Lincoln in the Legislature.

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STATE OF NEW YORK.

IN ASSEMBLY, }
ALBANY, April 27, 1865. }

Resolved, That the Clerk procure four thousand copies of the proceedings and remarks in the Assembly Chamber on the death of the late President of the United States, to be printed in pamphlet form, for use of the members, officers and reporters of the Assembly.

BY ORDER.

J. B. CUSHMAN,
CLERK.

NOTE.—Although the resolution directing the publication contemplates only the proceedings of the Assembly, for the purpose of preserving, in an enduring form, the entire *Legislative* action upon the occasion, the proceedings of the Senate relative thereto are also included in the same volume.

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LEGISLATIVE HONORS
TO THE
MEMORY OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

IN ASSEMBLY, }
Saturday, April 15, 1865. }

The private secretary of His Excellency the Governor appeared in the Assembly chamber and presented a communication from His Excellency, in the words following, to wit:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
ALBANY, April 15, 1865. }

To the Legislature:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to the Legislature the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States.

It is with emotions of profound sorrow that I make this announcement to your honorable body. Such an event is a national calamity, and under the circumstances now attending this bereavement, the nation weeps with heightened anguish. To be deprived of his wisdom, experience and counsel, at a time when most important to return us securely to

national peace, fraternity and prosperity ; at a time when the gigantic war which confronted him at the threshold of his administration is about drawing to a close, and a final deliverance obtained from our civil disturbances, for which we have sacrificed so much, is a calamity that will cause the deepest sadness and gloom to the millions of our land and to the friends of freedom throughout the world.

Thus, it is the third time in our history, the Republic is subjected to this trial, but it is hoped that our good cause and country, watered by a nation's tears and sanctified by its prayers, will pass in safety through the ordeal to a higher life and destiny.

I have also to communicate to you the sad intelligence that our noble Secretary of State, an honored and favored son of New York, WILLIAM H. SEWARD, was likewise the victim of the tragic plot of the assassins, and now lies in an unconscious condition. May God spare his life to the nation.

R. E. FENTON.

In connection therewith, Mr. VAN BUREN offered for the consideration of the House a resolution, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the message of His Excellency the Governor, communicating intelligence of the foul murder of the President

of the United States and the attempted assassination of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of State, be referred to a joint committee to consist of five members of the Senate and seven of the Assembly, to take order thereon.

The rule being suspended by unanimous consent, Mr. SPEAKER put the question whether the House would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the clerk deliver said resolution to the Senate, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate was received and read, requesting the concurrence of the Assembly to a resolution, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the message of His Excellency the Governor be referred to a joint select committee of five from the Senate and seven from the Assembly, and that the Legislature take a recess until one o'clock P. M. of this day.

The rule being suspended by unanimous consent, Mr. WOOD moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words "one o'clock P. M.," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "eleven and one-half o'clock A. M."

Mr. SPEAKER put the question whether the House would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. SPEAKER then put the question whether the House would agree to said resolution, as amended, and it was determined in the affirmative.

Said resolution was then sent to the Senate, and was returned by that body with a message informing of concurrence in the amendment of the Assembly thereto.

In pursuance of said resolution, Mr. SPEAKER appointed as such committee, on the part of the Assembly, Messrs. VAN BUREN, WOOD, GLEASON, J. L. PARKER, REDINGTON, WEED and M'CONVILL.

At 10 o'clock and 50 minutes, the House took a recess until 11½ o'clock A. M.

At 11½ o'clock A. M. the Assembly again met, when, on motion of Mr. INGRAHAM, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Capitol is hereby directed to drape the Assembly chamber in mourning, and that the chamber remain so draped for thirty days.

A message from the Senate was received and read, in the words following, to wit:

To the Senate:

"The joint committee of the two Houses on the message of his Excellency the Governor, this day transmitted to the Legislature, makes the following report:

"The committee having in mind that the funeral

ceremonies of the late President of the United States will probably take place on some early day in the next week, and that such day will be observed throughout the whole country as a day of solemn recognition of the tragic and awful event which now fills all thoughts, and that the Legislature will join in that observance, do unanimously recommend that on the day which shall be appointed for such obsequies, the two Houses of the Legislature do meet in their respective chambers at the hour appointed for such funeral ceremonies, and that the two Houses being opened with prayer, by clergymen especially selected for that service, resolutions appropriate to the occasion be offered; that the joint committee of the two Houses be now empowered to sit again to draft such resolutions, and to report them on that day to the respective Houses, and do report the following resolution:

Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the Legislature, viewing this unexampled and solemn event as demanding a cessation of legislative business, do now adjourn until Tuesday of next week, at 11 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES J. FOLGER,
Chairman Senate Com.

THOS. B. VAN BUREN,
Chairman Assembly Com."