

and showed my despatches, more in jest than in earnest, for I knew what the result would be. The Yankee was in London long before I could get my portmanteau through the Custom House, being compelled to pay duty on half a dozen books and plans necessary to the success of the mission with which I was charged. Imagine what five and twenty British Americans on board the steamer would feel at this practical commentary on the respect commanded in England by successful rebellion, but denied to devoted loyalty." Equally animated was Mr. Howe's description of Massachusetts cotton spinners and backwoodsmen from the West, snugly ensconced in the diplomatic box in the body of the House of Lords, when Parliament was opened by the Queen, while Colonists looked down upon them from the galleries, to which, not as a right but as a favour, they had been admitted.]

Mr. Chairman, the time will come, nay, Sir, it has come, when these degrading distinctions must no longer peril our allegiance. Will any man say that North America does not produce men as fit to govern States and Provinces as those who rule over Maine or Massachusetts at this hour? As most of those who are sent to govern the forty Provinces of this empire — as many that we have seen sent to darken counsel and perplex us in the West. How long will North Americans be content to see their sons systematically excluded from the gubernatorial chairs, not only of the Provinces that they occupy