

Mr. Haliburton:—Oh, yes; a most favourable time for you. (Laughter.)

The Chancellor:—It is a most satisfactory time for the discussion of the question, the House being in a calm and temperate mood, and having nothing to sway its judgment. (Laughter.)

Mr. Haliburton:—Yes; it will suit you very well, but under such circumstances it is useless for me to proceed. I must withdraw the amendment, and submit. (Cries of “Go on,” “Proceed,” &c.)

Mr. Haliburton then said, he felt that there was no other alternative left to him; he should, therefore, not persist in his motion to report progress, but proceed at once to lay before the House the reasons upon which he had felt it his duty to move the amendment, which had just been read by the Chairman. But he assured the Committee he never rose under circumstances of such great embarrassment. He proposed to move that in page 16, line 31, of the Bill, after “sawn or split, planed or dressed,” should be inserted the words “except deals, battens, and boards, which shall remain at the present duty.” No person reading that short line of the Bill, and the concise exception clause, could suppose that underneath those words lay a measure of as great importance as ever was brought before the House. When he considered that the vast population of those extensive colonies in North America to be effected by this financial measure were not only wholly unrepresented in that House, but had