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hear.) These are the simple facts of the case, and this is the only question with which we have to deal. For my own part, I feel quite clear that it is my duty to vote for this Bill, in order that the parties interested, and who are asking for this Act, should come into immediate possession of their estate. (Hear.) Now, I can easily understand what a very uncomfortable—what an unpleasant position the widow of Mr. Goodhue will be placed in if this Bill does not pass. (Hear.) Here there are a number of children, and they are to be in receipt of a large amount of money by her death. It is quite impossible that thoughts will not pass through her mind that her children desire that she should pass away in order that they may get her money. (Hear, hear.) I do not say that such thoughts would pass through their minds; I firmly believe that they would not. (Hear, hear.) But I say, such thoughts would pass through the mind of Mrs. Goodhue. It would be a great relief to her if such a Bill as this now before us should pass and become law. She has ample security, on her own statement, and so also have the other legatees; while the other parties who are interested in the estate are all agreed that the distribution should take place, and take place immediately. For my own part, I have never voted for any measure more cheerfully, or with a stronger conviction in my mind that I was doing what was right and just, and for the best interests alike of the public and of the parties more immediately interested, than I do on the present occasion. I shall cordially support the Bill. (Hear.)

A vote was then taken on the Amendment of Mr. Richards for the three months' hoist, which was lost—13 voting for it, and 60 against, and the Bill was reported to the House.

V. Upon the third reading of the Bill, the Hon. Mr. RICHARDS moved a further amendment, when in answer thereto

The Hon. Mr. Wood said he would not discuss the opinions that had been offered by lawyers in the matter of this Will. He had come to the conclusion to which every gentleman in the House had come, with the exception of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, that neither Mr. Goodhue, the Testator, nor Mr. Becher, had any proper conception of what the words of the Will meant. It was a most singular thing that nobody had put down in