

SPEECH.

WHEN the clause of the Customs Act, equalising the duties on foreign and colonial wood, was moved by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Justice Haliburton rose and said he had an amendment to propose, which was of the greatest importance to the Colonies, and British North America, and especially to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with which he was more immediately connected. But as it was near midnight, and Members were not generally aware that the subject was to be brought on at that time, he hoped that the Right Honourable Gentleman would not press the discussion in a thin House, when the supporters of Government were almost the only persons present. He must move, "that the Chairman report progress."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said he was quite certain that though the hour, quarter to twelve, might be considered late in some countries; it was, according to the usages of that House, an early hour. (Laughter.) The present was a most favourable time—