

feited. No remonstrance was made by the adventurers, when she was seized. They looked for it as a matter of course. They have been entirely peaceful, and seem disposed to abide by the law. Many of them are gentlemen of education, and are of the most respectable families of the west.

What will be their destination is unknown. Some I understand leave to day for New Orleans, and above 300 on the Isabel. Gen. Lopez and his Aid, J. Sanchez Yzuaga, are among the latter.

(To be continued.)

Pacific News of the 1st May.

Some time last week, process issued from the District Court in this city, against an English barque in our harbor.

On Monday, an officer under the Sheriff took possession of the barque, by virtue of that process. The officer making the seizure remained on board. Yesterday morning, a lieutenant of the British steam frigate *Driver*, with a boat's crew of Marines, went on board the barque and announced his intention to take the craft to sea.—The officer of the court informed him that the barque had been attached by the civil authorities, and he, as the representative of that authority, should resist any attempt to interfere with the exercise of his duty. The British lieutenant replied, that he knew nothing of the matter; that he should take the barque to sea, and the deputy along with her, unless he chose to go ashore; and commenced weighing anchor.

The officer of the court *did* come on shore, and immediately stated the facts to Judge Parsons. His Honor, without a moment's hesitation, decided upon his course; and was in the act of penning a dispatch to Commodore Jones, when Captain Pickering, of the American sloop-of-war *Warren*, & Captain Glynn, temporarily on board the *Warren*, came in—having heard of the circumstances, and offered their services in aid of the State authorities, to bring back the barque by force, and at all hazards, should she attempt to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the

court. The Collector happening in at the moment, also proffered any assistance in his power for the same purposes. In the meantime the captain of the British barque and her consignees, getting wind of the course about to be adopted, and finding that such proceedings as either they, or parties connected with them, had counselled and abetted, were likely to be put down, very summarily, came into court professing entire ignorance of the issuing of the process, and the levy which followed. They were, however, arrested for contempt, and held to answer therefor.

This outrage has developed one gratifying fact. Our State authorities are to be sustained, not merely by State power, but by the active and harmonious co-operation of the Federal officers, of which no good citizen doubted, should an emergency occur requiring their aid. It is, too, the strongest appeal possible to Congress to act justly, and by giving us the full benefit of the flag which we desire ever to see over us, place us in such a position, that no nation, much less a simple lieutenant, shall dare to insult a city of thirty thousand American freemen.

The steamer, *Gold Hunter*, had arrived at San Francisco, and was preparing to commence her regular trips between that place and Sacramento City.

The British steam ship *Driver* was to sail from San Francisco on the 1st of May, for Valparaiso, with \$200,000 in gold dust.

The steam ship *Panama*, which left San Francisco with the mail of the 1st of May, for Panama, had one hundred and fifty passengers, and \$1,400,000 in gold duly manifested.

The *Alta California* says that over \$3,500,000 were shipped to the Atlantic States in three steamers since the 1st of March.

The completion of the Pacific Theatre in Sacramento City, was celebrated by a grand ball given in that establishment on the 26th of April. About forty ladies were

present, and over one hundred gentlemen, the festival being (the account says) the most animated, perhaps, ever witnessed in that city.

Two companies of Infantry and Dragoons, in all ninety men, have been sent from Fort Crawford to Marengo, Iowa, for the purpose of repressing disturbances created by the Sac and Fox Indians among the white settlers. [St. L. Union.

More Steamboats for California.—We learn that Messrs. Howald & son will soon lay the keel of their second steamer for the California Steam Packet Company. They have selected the appropriate names of "San Francisco," "Sacramento City," "Stockton" and "San Diego," for the four ships intended for this line. These ships are all to be of the first class, of 2,500 tons burthen each, and built with special reference to comfort and speed.—*N. Y. Jour.*

EXCITEMENT IN LONDON.—A letter in the Philadelphia American, dated London, 17th May says:

Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon the greatest excitement prevailed in the city circles respecting the critical position of the English and French cabinets towards each other. I cannot convey to you the exact extent of this excitement, otherwise than to state that English consols have fallen since yesterday *one and a half per cent!* A similar panic prevails on the Paris Bourse. Persons who understand the changes in the consol market will be able to fully comprehend the present extraordinary state of affairs. The crisis has come like a hurricane over the city.

The majority in favor of a convention in Virginia to revise the constitution is very large—more than 20,000. The majority for the same object in Maryland is still larger. The States have outgrown their old clothes and want new ones.