

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE QUAKER CITY.

A Revenue Cutter Watching Her Movements—She is Searched by Officers and Men from the Cutter.

The sidewheel steamship Quaker City is lying at the foot of Twelfth street, East river, at the wharf of the Novelty Iron Works. She is on the south side of the wharf, and the Arizona, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, on the north side. Anchored in the stream, about a hundred yards to the northeast of the Arizona is the United States revenue cutter McCullough, her guns directed towards the end of the wharf. This war-like attitude has been assumed in consequence of an intimation made by Mr. Roberts, the Spanish Minister at Washington, to the Secretary of State that the Quaker City was about to sail for Cuba with arms and munitions of war for the revolutionists. The officer in charge of the Quaker City denies all knowledge of any such intention on the part of her owner, an Englishman, who has lately purchased her, but whose name cannot be ascertained. There is nothing about her to indicate such a purpose. Some alterations are being made in her deck house and in the hold of the vessel, and her windlass is to be moved further aft. Yesterday she was visited by two officers and four men from the revenue cutter, who made a tour of inspection, but could discover, so the officer in charge states, nothing contraband of war or anything to indicate that she is to be used as a vessel of war, and retired, expressing themselves perfectly satisfied.

Previous to this the officer in command of the cutter had directed that she should exchange places with the Arizona, but on representations made by the authorities at the works she was allowed to remain where she is. The alterations and repairs on board are being conducted as rapidly as possible, and everything seems to indicate that she will very shortly be ready to put to sea. The officer in charge states that there will not be the slightest difficulty in obtaining her clearance.