

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

The Cuba Libelled—Refusal to Surrender by Commodore Higgins.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 19.—The Cuba was libelled to-day, and the United States marshal boarded her and demanded the surrender of the ship into his hands. Commodore Higgins declined to surrender the ship except to an officer of the United States navy and under a direct order from the President. After some delay, Lieutenant Commander Pierson, of the United States gunboat Frolic, came on board the Cuba and demanded the surrender of the ship, showing an order direct from the President directing that the Cuba should be turned over to him. Higgins then surrendered his sword and his vessel to Pierson and himself as a prisoner of war to the navy of the United States. The Cuban flag was hauled down by the United States authorities and the entire crew were put ashore in a penniless condition. The affair in some of its aspects is regarded here as an outrage, especially for the turning loose in our city of over one hundred sailors and marines, entirely beyond restraint or control of their officers. In anticipation of trouble a large special police force is to be put on duty to-night.