

THE PRIVATEERING HOAX.

The Canard About the Schooner Maria and Her Departure for Cuba with Arms and Ammunition—The Steam Yacht Anna Reported Off.

United States Marshal Harlow pronounces the story published in a morning paper yesterday in relation to an alleged departure of the schooner Maria for Cuba, loaded with arms and ammunition, a tissue of falsehoods in so far as it states anything relating to him, and says he believes it to be false in all other particulars.

Some days since the captain of the yacht Anna called on Marshal Harlow and told him he desired to leave for Nassau and take fifteen passengers, and asked whether there would be any attempt to detain him. Marshal Harlow had previously been watching the vessel, and when the captain communicated with him he went on board and thoroughly examined the vessel in every way, and found no arms, ammunition, nor anything else on board of a suspicious character. He then consulted with District Attorney Pierrepont, and they both came to the conclusion that, as the vessel's papers were all right: as she carried no arms nor ammunition, and had a perfect right to carry passengers, they had no power to detain her, and she accordingly sailed, ostensibly for Nassau, in the early part of this week.

There was a report in circulation last evening to the effect that the steam yacht Anna had left for Cuba, and that when outside of Sandy Hook she was met by a tugboat, with a number of Cubans on board. It is also stated that Javier Cisneros, the person who piloted the first expedition on board the Perit, left with the Anna. He says he intends to be back here in about two months, bringing with him letters of marque from Céspedes, and expects to give these to certain shipping firms in this city, who have engaged to fit out privateers under the Cuban flag.