

The Seizure of the Steamer Aspinwall— Demand Upon Spain for Indemnity.

It is understood that the position taken by the Spanish government in relation to the seizure of the Aspinwall is that the vessel was taken under suspicion of having^d landed arms in Cuba. Señor Roberts has not as yet made any reply to the communication some weeks since. The position of the United States government is that the Aspinwall was seized on the high seas and not in Cuban waters, and therefore it was that the Spanish government had no right to make the seizure even had the Aspinwall been engaged in carrying arms, which, under the circumstances, the United States not being at war with Spain, were not contraband articles. The government will hold to its original demand for the release of the vessel and an indemnity for her detention.