

RECIET OF EX-CONSUL PHILLIPS.

The steamship North America, which arrived on Friday last from St. Thomas, brought ex-Consul Phillips, late United States Consul at Santiago de Cuba, who a short time since was obliged to fly from his post of duty in consequence of a hostile demonstration made against him by the Catalan volunteers of that city, for no other charge than that of his strenuous efforts to save the lives of American citizens recently assassinated by Commander Boet, acting under Valmaceda's orders. Owing to the frequency of outrages committed upon our flag Consul Phillips was induced to call the attention of our government to the political state of affairs in his consular district, repeatedly urging the necessity for a vessel of war to be stationed on that post, not only for his protection, but that of American citizens residing there, which request was not complied with, and finally ended by the Consul being compelled to seek protection under the British flag to enable him to leave the island.

Upon his return to Santiago in the flagship Severn it was not deemed advisable for him to go on shore, having been informed that his life would be endangered, as the bitter feelings of the Catalans still continued against him. Mr. Phillips, however, procured through Admiral Porter the release of the captain and crew of the American sloop Champion, who were seized by the Spanish authorities and held as prisoners. He also procured the release of Mr. Latte, of New Orleans, an old man of sixty years of age, who since August last has been in prison for causes to him unknown, and who, had it not been for the repeated demands of the Consul, would have been shot. Dr. Phillips will proceed at the earliest possible moment to Washington, for the object of laying before the department the particulars of the outrages committed upon the flag of our country, and to request that a remuneration be made to him for the considerable pecuniary losses which he sustained in being compelled in his hasty flight to abandon his private effects.
