

IMPORTANT, IF BY AUTHORITY.—According to General Butler, who is supposed to speak by authority, any ship from any port in the United States, with men or arms on board for the Cuban cause, may go unmolested by the United States to within a marine league of the Island of Cuba. If this has been spoken by authority then we may assume that volunteers for Cuba will no longer be pursued by our federal authorities on the soil or in the waters of the United States; but that they will be treated as the Fenians have been treated, that is, as unoffending parties, until caught crossing the line of a neighbor's territory for war upon a Power at peace with the United States. And why not? That is the question.