

**Movements of Our Squadron—The Opening of the Transit—A British Aggression—The Renowned Col. Cauty—His Antecedents—The Only Hope of Nicaragua—Movements of Gen. Lamar—Arrival of the Cass-Yrissari.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, Saturday, Oct. 2, 1858.

The English Mail Company's steamer *Clyde* will leave here early to-morrow morning, and I embrace the opportunity of writing, although there is really nothing of importance to communicate since your last dates from this place.

The United States steam-frigate *Roanoke*, bearing the Flag of Flag Officer JAMES McINTOSH, arrived off this port on the morning of the 22d September, 19 days from Boston. Officers and crew all well. She anchored about one mile<sup>4</sup> outside the bar. The United States ships *Savannah*, Captain JARVIS, and *Saratoga*, Commander TURNER, had been lying inside the bar for some time previous to the arrival of the *Roanoke*. The *Savannah* has gone out to sea for the purpose of allowing her officers and crew the benefit of a change of air, and I hear that she will probably extend her cruise as far as "Old Providence," where an abundance of fresh meats, poultry, vegetables and fruits can be procured, at moderate prices. She is expected to return here in a couple of weeks. The *Saratoga* went to Aspinwall about a week since and will be stationed there until relieved by some other United States vessel. There have been some few cases of *fever of the country* on board both these vessels, and the changes of air and climate will no doubt prove beneficial to the health of both vessels. You are aware that the sun seldom shines *for a day* at this place: it is nothing but rain, rain, rain.

The *Roanoke* brought us news respecting the opening of the Transit Route, which was, at first, thought of favorably, and received with joy; but upon reflection, it was extremely doubtful whether JOE WHITE and YRISSARI can open the route. If *Vanderbilt and Joe White come to terms*, then it is conceded by every one here that the route will be immediately opened for travel.

Her British Majesty's steamer-of war *Basilisk*, Captain PHAYRE, has been in this port for some time. Captain PHAYRE has erected a beacon upon the outermost point of the sand-spit. Does this mean *possession* at some future convenient season?

It was really amusing to see the renowned "Colonel" CAUTY going off to the flag-ship *Roanoke*, in a *canoe*, paddled by four Indians. He was completely uniformed—with epaulettes and sword—as a Costa Rican officer of the Army, and wearing an "Order" upon his left breast! Rumor says that he went off to pay his *official* respects to the gallant United States Flag Officer commanding the Home Squadron, and to endeavor to obtain some *official recognition* of his position! But he certainly failed to convince Flag-Officer McINTOSH that he had any official business or position here; for although, as I am informed, he was courteously received by the United States Flag-Officer, *he was not received with, or allowed, upon his departure, a salute*, as is customary. Whereupon, the "Colonel" returned on shore in the *dumps*. You know his precedents. He is a very low fellow—a renegade Englishman—utterly detesting Americans does everything to injure Americans, and was, some years since, obliged to flee from San Francisco on account of his rascalities, that place becoming too warm for him. The Costa Ricans received this plausible rascal, CAUTY, who is really not worthy the society of gentlemen, or fit to be trusted in any capacity—with open arms, and he was given a position in their ragged army merely because he was the proper tool to do the bidding of any set of men who would pay well to accomplish any desired object. But nothing could induce CAUTY to get within the range of one of WALKER's guns!

CAUTY came down here, as I have before stated, and established himself upon Punta Arenas. To prove his hatred towards Americans, the first movement he made was, to endeavor to eject Mr. SCOTT, the resident Agent of the Transit Route (in charge of the property of the old company,) and an American whose name escapes me,—who is a very respectable man, and the only pilot for the harbor—by offering the property for sale wherein the latter resides. This was where WALKER established himself, and where he was captured by Commodore PAULDING. Captain JARVIS, of the ship *Savannah*, hearing of the intentions of CAUTY, promptly and peremptorily told him that if he attempted to drive out Americans in that way, who were peaceably disposed, and who had not committed any hostile acts towards either Nicaragua or Costa Rica, he (Captain JARVIS) would certainly interfere. Afterwards, CAUTY went to Captain WAINWRIGHT, of Her Britannic Majesty's ship *Leopard*, who advised him against such a procedure, as it would complicate matters. CAUTY will certainly not attempt it while Captain JARVIS is here; and I am sure he will not while the Commander-in-chief of the United States Squadron is here; if he does he will *warm up some Scotch blood*! From what I hear of Captain JARVIS and Commodore McINTOSH, neither will be likely to be imposed upon by this Englishman CAUTY, nor suffer United States interests to be jeopardized.

With every arrival, we have a report of the return of General WALKER. The English are the real source of the opposition to WALKER. It would, indeed, be a blessing to mankind, if this country could be opened by a true *American* population, and progress. If an intelligent and enterprising emigration—American and German—could be induced to settle in Nicaragua and Costa Rica, the transformation from almost a wilderness, as it is now, to a rich and agricultural country, would be without precedent, and could be accomplished with such a population. The present occupants will *never* develop its agricultural and mineral resources. Something should be done by the leading civilized powers of the earth to *humanize* the people of the Central American States, for they are wild and semi-barbarous now. They will never do so themselves. The civil feuds among them only consume their substance, cut off their people, and devastate their whole country. The United States, France, England and Russia certainly want this Transit route opened; and if they will but *combine to open it to the world*, and *keep it open free to every nation*, as it should be, a continuous peace and enduring prosperity would surely follow to the Central American States. Let us have as many routes to the Pacific as can be opened, for the "benefit of mankind."

Our minister, Gen. LAMAR, was at San José, the capital of Costa Rica, on the 8th ultimo.

The *Cass-Yrissari* came into port this morning, and created quite an excitement. She is in good condition, and will proceed up the Colorado branch of the San Juan in a day or two. Her officers and crew are all well, and sanguine in their expectations in opening the Transit route. She was boarded by a boat from the U. S. flag ship *Roanoke*, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and permitted to enter the harbor.