

have the honor to state that the arrest of any party, or the detention of any vessel must depend on the occurrence of a violation of a law of the United States. The owners of the *Tennessee*, and the persons who may take passage in the steamer, must understand that the laws in relation to the neutrality of the United States will be executed.

Very respectfully,
JOHN McKEON, U. S. District-Attorney.

The Steamship Tennessee.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MR. MORGAN AND THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT-ATTORNEY.

NEW-YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO S. S. LINE, }
No. 12 Bowling-green, New-York, Dec. 23, 1856. }

SIR: The steamship *Tennessee* is advertised to sail for San Juan del Norte to-morrow, the 24th inst., on her regular trip. The owners of this vessel have engaged to carry out passengers for California *via* the "Nicaragua Transit Route," and emigrants, provisions, and merchandise for Nicaragua. It is stated in the newspapers of this City that the Government of the United States has given instructions to detain the steamship, provided she has emigrants, provision and merchandise for the latter destination. It is a matter of the greatest importance, therefore, to the undersigned, that if any instructions upon the subject have been issued they should be informed of the fact, and how far such instructions are to affect the departure of the *Tennessee* as above stated.

An early reply is requested.
Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
CHAS. MORGAN & SONS.
To Hon. JOHN McKEON, U. S. District-Attorney.
We hope it will be convenient for you to reply by the bearer, who will wait your answer.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK, }
U. S. DISTRICT-ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Dec. 23, 1856. }

Messrs. Charles Morgan & Sons, New-York:
GENTLEMEN: In reply to your letter of this date, I