

The Statement of Walker's Men.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Aug. 18, 1856.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In your paper, of the 16th inst., I notice an article from Costa Rica, signed by several gentlemen who were made prisoners of war, both at the battle of Santa Rosa and Rivas.

I take this liberty of addressing you merely for the purpose of stating that the *facts* are not one jot or tittle embellished in that statement, and, for one, I *know them to be true*.

I had the pleasure of residing in Nicaragua from September last till May 13, 1856, and have had every facility of *knowing* the true state of affairs in that unhappy country, made desolate by the tyrannical acts of Gen. WM. WALKER, whom I consider either an *insane* man or an idiot.

His acts in that country have been those of a bandit or highway robber; the only difference between the two is, a highway robber or bandit will not kill innocent women and children.

At Santa Rosa I was informed that the cowardly C. J. SCHLESSINGER ordered the murder of eight women and children who lived in a hacienda within a quarter of a mile from Santa Rosa, and after the order was executed he plundered the house of all its valuables and *left*. Hence, at the time of WALKER's defeat at Rivas, the Costa Ricans shot five men of WALKER's army, whom they caught near that city after the battle, as a matter of reprisal for the deaths of those whom SCHLESSINGER had murdered at Costa Rica.

Should you desire to publish this you can do so.

Yours truly, THOS. J. VAN DYKE.