

The Nicaragua Deserters.

DANIEL McGUINESS TO CAPTAIN SPENCER.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD

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The statement of S. M. Spencer in the HERALD, date March 31, is so utterly and preposterously false as hardly to require contradiction. The document purporting to be a statement of facts from deserters of the Nicaraguan army is neither more nor less than a deception and snare. Not a man belonging to the army of Nicaragua was base enough to sign it. It was prepared by a Capt. Watson, who was under the impression that Walker was in a tight place; but none of our men in Costa Rica would sign it, and our names were put to it without our knowledge or consent. Nobody was dissatisfied with the treatment of Walker, or disposed to speak against him. All the statements of S. M. Spencer in the HERALD of 31st ult. are false, so far as the feelings of the army towards General Walker are concerned; and so far as relates to the native population of Nicaragua, they are all in favor of their President, because he does not tax them heavily nor press them into service, and pays for everything which he requires, which has never been the case hitherto.

The men who left at the same time with myself, were mostly discharged or absent on furlough, and not one of them would under any circumstances take up arms against Gen. Walker and the Americans in Nicaragua. The country is friendly to Walker, and the war of the allies is a war of conquest. They have agreed to divide Nicaragua amongst themselves; but the Americans will never consent to it, as they think they have quite as good a right to it as anybody. I am willing and ready to go back at any moment, and I believe there are hundreds to accompany me. If I had only lost my arm fighting hypocritical mischief-making John Bull, instead of his allies, I should be perfectly satisfied. DANIEL McGUINESS.