

COL. DON FRANCISCO ALVARADO.—We have been informed by a gentleman lately from Central America, that Colonel Don Francisco Alvarado, Commander of the Costa Rican forces at fort Costello, at the time of its capture by the Democratic troops under Col. Frank Anderson, has, with his brothers, been shot by sentence of a soi-disant court martial.

Col. Alvarado stated, in his defence, that on his perceiving the Americans, he gave orders to his men to fire upon them, but they refused, threw down their arms, and cried "*Viva Walker! Viva los Americanos*" (long life to Walker; long live the Americans). He also stated that they said they preferred to be prisoners of Walker rather than soldiers of Costa Rica.

The above facts appeared in the "*Album*," a Spanish and English paper, published at San Jose, the capitol of Costa Rica.

Amongst the prisoners taken on the occasion, were two officers who had once before been captured. They earnestly requested permission to see Gen. Walker in order to thank him for the kindness with which they had been treated.

Mr. James Thomas, formerly of New Orleans, but for the last two years a resident of Nicaragua, and who had nothing to do with the Democratic cause, was also shot about the same time. No crime was laid to his charge—nothing alleged against him further than this: "*He is an American.*"—*Portsmouth Transcript*