

## Commodore Higgins and the Privateer *Hornet*.

Commodore HIGGINS, of the Cuban war steamer *Hornet*, who is at the Pierrepont House, Brooklyn, indignantly denies that any ulterior motive contrary to Cuban interests dictated his entry into the port of Wilmington, and demands an investigation of the charges. It appears from the testimony of his officers that the vessel only unloaded ten tons of coals when she was towed up the Cape Fear River into the harbor of Wilmington by order of the United States authorities, and that this shortness of supply and stress of weather only, induced the course pursued.

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