

## ENGLAND.

### The Case of the Captured Brig Mary Lowell.

The London *Daily News* of the 1st inst. has an editorial on the capture of the American brig Mary Lowell by the Spanish authorities. The act it denounces as an insult to England, totally unjustifiable, and one which should claim immediate attention on the part of the British government. General Dulce's proclamation is severely criticised and his instructions to his subordinates have tended to place all concerned in this high handed act in a very awkward position. The article concludes:—

In this unpleasant business there is only one redeeming feature, and that is, that if a quarrel is to occur it is much better for the Spaniards to have it with us than with the Americans, who seek a *casus belli* for the purpose of annexing Cuba. In this very case of the Mary Lowell the Yankees are most anxious to claim her as their own, and they maintain that she was seized on the high seas, and that they have a right to demand her restitution to them. This we deny, and there is ample evidence to prove that the wrong done was inflicted on England. And thus in one sense we do a service to Spain by quarrelling, for we save her from a much more dangerous enemy. There is no doubt that if the Americans could find a good cause for hostilities they would make quick work with Cuba and despoil Spain in a very brief campaign of a possession which the Yankee appetite for acquisition has long marked out as a most toothsome and inviting morsel. As it is, the Americans are straining every point to maintain the insurrection in Cuba. Wherever they can pierce the blockade maintained by the Spanish cruisers they pour in men, arms, money and all supplies of war. In the face of their policy respecting the Alabama claims, they cannot do this avowedly; but there is abundant proof that they do it effectively; and it is out of the excessive irritation of the Spaniards at this systematic filibustering that the affair of which we treat has sprung. General Dulce, in a passion, seems to have lost his head, and his subordinates followed suit in a ready, angry manner; and thus it comes that the cannon of the Defence, Doris, Favorite, Jason and other ships of the West India squadron may possibly have some powder-sent message to convey to the forts of Havana. It is, of course, clear that, however angry the Spaniards may be with the United States, and however justifiable their anger their unpleasant frame of mind is no excuse for violating international law and making captures in British waters. We have, therefore, to demand from them the immediate surrender of the Mary Lowell, with a satisfactory apology for her seizure. If this demand be not complied with Commodore Phillimore will proceed to discuss the reason why. We hope that he may be spared this unpleasant alternative, and that the Captain General may yield to the dictates of law and reason. The news from the West Indies will be anxiously looked for, and it will be most welcome if it brings tidings that we shall hear no more of the Mary Lowell.