

## THE STEAMSHIP TYBEE.

**The Spanish Consul Attempts to Have Her Detained on a Charge of Carrying Arms, Munitions and Men to the Cubans—She is Examined by Deputy Surveyor Kirke, Obtains Her Clearance and Sails.**

The Steamship Tybee, as stated in yesterday's **HERALD**, has for the last few days been coaling at pier No. 4, North river, preparatory to her voyage to St. Domingo.

Several days ago Mr. G. W. Embree, Deputy Collector of Customs, ascertained that the Tybee was about to sail with arms and munitions on board, and, under general instructions from the Collector that no vessel with such a cargo, or whose cargo comprised such articles in suspicious quantity, was to be allowed to clear without first undergoing an examination and her owner furnishing an explanation satisfactory to the government authorities, took the necessary steps to ascertain her real destination, the nature of her cargo and the object of her voyage. In the meantime her clearance had not been applied for as she was not ready to sail. Yesterday the Collector received the following letter from the Spanish Consul:—

CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA EN NUEVA YORK,  
NEW YORK, June 7, 1893.

SIR—Having received information, which I have reason to consider reliable, to the effect that the steamer Tybee, now lying at pier No. 4 North river, has a large quantity of arms and munitions of war on board; that she intends to apply to-day for a clearance for St. Thomas; that arrangements have been made for putting on board of her in the lower bay a considerable number of men, and that the real destination of said ship is to attempt to land the aforesaid men, arms and munitions in the island of Cuba as a hostile and unlawful expedition against the Spanish government. I have communicated this information by telegraph to his Excellency the Spanish Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, and, pending the instructions which will no doubt be speedily received from Washington, I have the honor to request that you would be so good as to order the examination you may deem proper under the circumstances, and refuse her clearance unless proof is adduced that her destination is a lawful one.

I have the honor to remain, sir, very respectfully,

J. M. SATRUSIEGUI, 29 Broadway.

Captain E. A. Delany applied for a clearance yesterday, but the Collector deferred granting it until an explanation had been made by Mr. Spofford, Sr., of Spofford & Tileston, the owners, who was sent for, and, upon his arrival, assured Mr. Grinnell that the object of the voyage was legitimate traffic; that his vessel was not bound for Cuba, and agreed to express this assurance in writing. Mr. Grinnell, upon this guarantee, granted a clearance—more particularly as Deputy Surveyor Lewis J. Kirke had reported to the following effect:—That he had examined the cargo of the Tybee and found that it agreed exactly with her manifest, consisting of arms, ammunition, bayonets and accoutrements, soap, kerosene oil and Florida water. That Messrs. Spofford & Tileston were, as he was informed, shipping these goods, at their venture, to be sold at San Domingo City, for their own account. That the letter of instructions to the captain was that he was to go from New York to St. Thomas, get all the passengers and freight from St. Thomas, and from there go to San Domingo City, then discharge his cargo, and take all his passengers and freight from there to Bay Eamana, and from there to New York city. That the statement, as given, was received from young Mr. Spofford. On the main deck of the Tybee had been found the ordinary deck houses, pilot house and one large gun. In her between deck was her cargo and a large quantity of coal. No fittings whatever to carry a large number of men was discovered, and the lower hold contained nothing but coal.

The Tybee accordingly sailed yesterday at a quarter past twelve o'clock, without let or hindrance, with twenty-five boxes of muskets, thirteen cases of accoutrements and twenty boxes of ammunition, as appears from the manifest, besides her cargo of soap, kerosene oil, &c., but not with any of those alarming and threatening warlike appliances and sinister indications of a hostile purpose, which have seemingly existed only in the fertile brains of the spies of the Spanish government, who seem, at least in this instance, to have been somewhat over zealous.