

LARGE CUSTOM-HOUSE SEIZURES—80,000 CIGARS CAPTURED.

Deputy-Surveyor Lewis J. Kirk, and Charles F. Kane, Inspector of Customs, went down to lower Quarantine on Wednesday, in the Revenue Cutter Uno, Capt. Lay commanding, in pursuit of smugglers. After cruising about a short time their attention was arrested by a suspicious looking craft, which they approached and found to be the British bark Irma from Cuba. The officers boarded the vessel and asked for the manifest, which was produced by the second officer in charge, the Master being absent. Suspicion was excited that there was an attempt at smuggling, and search was accordingly instituted, which in a short time resulted in the seizure of 15,000 cigars found secreted in compartments evidently constructed for the purpose of concealing merchandise. The men on board, of course, affected total ignorance. The Revenue Officers put their prize aboard the cutter and returned to the Custom-House, where the cigars were safely deposited yesterday. This is such a flagrant violation of the Revenue laws that besides the forfeiture of the cigars, a heavy fine will no doubt be imposed upon the vessel. The same officers seized 5,000 more cigars yesterday, which altogether will amount to about \$12,000 in value.
