

been made, he must have the affair investigated before a Magistrate. A large number of witnesses were introduced upon both sides, and much conflicting testimony was given. Judge Gross reserved his decision.

The Cuban Flag Litigation—A Charge of False Imprisonment.

In the Marine Court, yesterday, before Judge GROSS, the case of DIEGO DIEZ vs. CIEREDO VILLAVERDO came on for trial. The complaint sets forth that the action is for false imprisonment, and that \$1,000 damages are demanded by the plaintiff. It appears that in September, 1869, the vessel *Lillian* set out on an expedition to Cuba, under the command of one of the parties; that previous to her departure, a very fine silk flag was presented by Mrs. EMILIA C. VILLAVERDO, and that the vessel, flag and all were captured by a British man-of-war near Nassau, N. P. The flag was sold at auction, and was bought by the plaintiff for \$25. When the latter arrived in New-York, the defendant caused his arrest on the charge of grand larceny. The prisoner was taken before Judge SCOTT, and, after a preliminary examination, was locked up and kept for one night in prison. Before this the defendant offered to let the plaintiff go if he would give up the flag. The latter said he would give it up if the defendant would sign a receipt. To this proposition the Police Sergeant would not consent, saying that, inasmuch as an arrest had