

THE BUTTERMILK COMING OUT OF THE STIR-ABOUT.—The following, which we find in the *New York Tribune* of the day before yesterday, embraces an explanation of the story concerning the Webster and Harris grant that wears the air of probability; inasmuch as it comes from a gentleman of well known character, (Mr. Anderson,) whose opportunities for knowing what has transpired in Costa Rica in connection with the matter are much better than those of any one else who has so far appeared in print in connection. Ten to one it will turn out that Capt. Cauty's credentials are from Webster; rather than the Government of Costa Rica. If Mr. Molina is, up to this time, officially ignorant that the Captain has been clothed with power by Costa Rica to negotiate with this Government, we feel very sure that Webster, and those interested in that individual's steamship speculations—not Costa Rica—are his accreditors. On the whole, this Captain Cauty business bids fair to prove the "gum"-est game ever "tried on" the authorities here, we apprehend:

"Mr. Young Anderson, late Costa Rican Commissioner in this city to negotiate the contract with reference to the transit route, and whom, as our readers may recollect, Mr. W. R. C. Webster charged with betraying his confidence, while acting in the capacity of his private secretary, has written to a gentleman in this city, under date of July 9th, a full explanation of his reasons for parting company with Webster."

"He denies the charge, published in the Costa Rican paper, by Webster, states the reasons which influenced him in the course he pursued, and indignantly protests against Webster's averment that he was his secretary. He says that he furnished the pecuniary resources, which Webster extravagantly used, and adds that he was obliged to leave in consequence of that person's notoriously bad character.

"Mr. Anderson goes on to say that he had frequent interviews with the President of Costa Rica, and that he repudiated Mr. Webster, whose departure from the capital of San Jose on the 2d ult. renders it at least doubtful whether he succeeded in obtaining the grant, of the possession whereof he now boasts.

"Mr. Anderson advises his correspondent to beware of Col. Cauty, whom he characterizes as an exceedingly cunning and unscrupulous man, who was obliged to leave the English army in disgrace and to emigrate to Costa Rica, where a well-to-do relative of his resided. Not being able to obtain a commission in the Nicaraguan army, Col. Cauty opened a hotel at Rivas, whence he went to San Francisco at the commencement of Walker's invasion of Nicaragua. In San Jose Col. Cauty, according to Mr. Anderson, borrowed \$3,000 from the widow of a former President

of Nicaragua, in whose house he lodged, with which sum he went to Granada, thence to New Orleans, and returned to San Jose. To the widow's numerous applications for the money lent, the only answer he gave was that, seeing a fine chance for a speculation, he invested, leaving an agent in Greytown who would attend to the sales. He had no doubt that she would receive at least \$5,000. She has, however, never received one cent from Col. Cauty. He is employed as financial manager of *The Album* newspaper. When Col. Spencer was sent to capture the lake and river boats, Col. Cauty's son accompanied him, and in consequence of his defence of Castillo got the position of Captain, and is at present commander at Castillo.

"Mr. W. R. C. Webster, in order to give importance and confidence to his attempt to open the route, brought Col. Cauty with him. Sr. Molina, the Costa Rica Ambassador, at present in this city, called on Col. Cauty, and suspects that he is not an authorized agent to negotiate on behalf of his government.

"This, coupled with the fact that Sr. Molina has received no despatches from home, leads us to continue to doubt the existence of the Webster and Harris grant."