

[From the Cronica of Costa Rica, April 4th]

Central America.

"The war in Nicaragua continues, but with a slackness due to the difficult circumstances of the country. Many are astonished at the prolongation of this strife. For ourselves, we are ashamed. We believe that all have not labored with the energy demanded by the solemnity of the occasion, and the interest at stake. We believe there is much to censure and to charge against the Central American population; but it is necessary to be reasonable, and to consider the fatal obstacles to be combated—the climate, the dispersion of the people, the impassability of the roads, and the want of resources. The enemy, concentrated in the most advantageous position, receiving constant aid and reinforcements, with the best of arms, directed by a single head, have in their union a centripetal strength, strengthened by the indisputable daring, inflexibility and active perseverance of their chief." The editor adds to this list of advantages that of unscrupulousness in the use of all necessary means of defence, which the Costa Ricans are so virtuous, that they had rather be defeated than lay hands on anything. He gives, also, their versions of all the late engagements, in which, of course, they were victorious, but infers that Walker has more men than has been represented.

In the same paper we find an ingenious answer to the accusations made by *Apruel's Courier* against the Costa Ricans for crowding that most unhealthy of villages with detestable deserters. The clemency of the proclamation of President Juan R. Mora, it seems, was intended for "the repentant and not for the desperate," for those who "should abandon the ranks of the incendiary of Nicaragua from conviction of the wickedness of the cause," and not for such as desert from despair of enjoying the paradise they had dreamed of, and are flying for their lives. A nice distinction, and important to filibusters. A correspondent from San Juan del Norte has the pleasure to inform the editor that the British are behaving very handsomely, and are growing bolder every day in their animosity to the "detestable vagabonds," and we think there is no ground to doubt his assertion. On the 19th of March, General J. J. Mora crossed over from San Carlos, with the third Costa Rican division. This accounts for their attacking Rivas so soon after their defeat on the 16th of March. These, we have before learned, having failed in their attack of the 23d, were waiting for another essay from the Costa Ricans. It was arranged that this attack should have been made on the 20th, the anniversary of Santa Rosa, and the *Album Semanal* had waited for the announcement of the capture of Rivas, but had to go to press without it.