

The President's proclamation in reference to this nefarious enterprise, now contemplated, can in no sense be considered premature. The note of preparation is heard in various directions, indicating that plans have been fully matured for a desperate venture, and that nothing remains but to "beat to quarters" for embarkation at the rendezvous. For example, the Augusta (Ga.) Dispatch of the 27th ultimo contains the following:

"OFF FOR NICARAGUA.—Col. Rodier, one of the staff of Gen. Walker in his first expedition to Central America, left our city on yesterday to join an emigrating party which is to sail for Mobile in a few days for Nicaragua. We learn that the company will go out with all the facilities necessary for the peaceful colonization of that country."

Equally explicit is the announcement in the New Orleans Crescent of a late date, which says:

"An emigration company is forming in this city with Nicaragua selected as the future home. A vessel is to leave Mobile on the 10th of next month for the Central American paradise, and with the emigrants there collecting the company in this city is forming and preparing to leave. Major Ellis is forming the company here, and his office is at the Merchants' Hotel, where he will be pleased to receive the applications of all who desire to go along. This is a civil and peaceable enterprise, and those who go will land and be received, and suffered to look out, each man for himself, just as the ship-loads of men do who land here from the old shores of Europe. Nicaragua is a place where citizens of the United States can settle and thrive in a peaceable way, and there are thousands who want to do so. All necessary particulars about the emigration will be given upon application to Major Ellis."

The presumption of those who thus openly announce their intention to invade the territory of a neighboring Republic, with whom we are at peace, in contravention of all national law and without provocation or excuse, is positively sublime; and that reliance should be placed on false colors and assumed names as an effectual protection from the interference of United States authorities under such circumstances surpasses comprehension. Every body knows that "emigration" is only a synonym for invasion, and "hollow wars" for death-dealing missiles and musketry. Pretensions of this character are too "hollow" to be mistaken, or to conceal hostile intentions. Accordingly, with direct reference to this movement, the President, in his proclamation, enjoins all officers of the Government, civil and military, in their respective spheres, to be vigilant, active, and faithful in suppressing these illegal enterprises, and in carrying out their standing instructions to that effect.

Possibly there are some who, thinking of themselves as they wish to be thought of by others, may succeed in establishing a sort of mental conviction that they are mere emigrants, innocent of all guile, and that they can land in Nicaragua just as men do "from the old shores of Europe;" but a few broadsides before accomplishing that object, from the jealous guardians of the coast, will suffice as evidence that others take a different view of the subject.

It is a duty which the President owes to such persons as are liable to be inveigled by willful misrepresentation to a miserable fate, no less than to the dignity of the Federal statute, to arrest this enterprise while yet in its incipency. By a rare exercise of magnanimity on the part of Costa Rica, hundreds of poor wretches—who subsequently exhibited themselves in the streets of this city as recipients of alms, covered with rags and sores—remnants of Walker's former expedition, were permitted to leave the country with their lives, and even assisted with money and conveyance to effect an object of so little consequence to any but themselves. Caught once more in such a predicament, they can expect no clemency. The terrible fate of Lopez may reasonably deter any one from trying so hazardous an experiment, even should they escape the vigilance of the naval vessels of France, England, and America.—*Journal of Commerce.*