

WALKER'S DESERTERS.

From Mr. McDonough, a passenger from California, our reporter has obtained some additional facts of interest. On the arrival of the Golden Gate at Panama, it was found there one hundred and sixty men who had joined in escaping from Walker's army. The invitation of President Mora of Costa Rica, inviting persons connected with Walker's band who desired

to creep from him, and procuring them provisions and a safe passage to any part of the United States, had been extensively circulated in all parts of Nicaragua, and even among Walker's men—this last being accomplished through the agency of the native women who came to them with fruits. Acting upon this offer they left in small numbers, and sometimes singly, as they could escape, and waded across the mountains to Costa Rica, where they were treated with the utmost kindness, furnished with food, and all their wants attended to.

After they had partially recruited their healths, they were forwarded by the steamer Panama from Punta Arenas on the Pacific side, to Panama. Thence they were taken by railroad to Aspinwall, where one hundred and twenty took passage to New-Orleans, and about twenty-five came by the Illinois to this city. These persons state that at the time of their leaving Walker's cause was hopeless, and the condition of his men terrible. They were destitute of food and clothing—being barefooted, half-naked, half-starved, sick and emaciated; and when they left, Walker had only three hundred effective men.

His treatment of his men was a scandal to civilization and humanity.

For sixteen days they lived on mule meat. His officers are made up of gamblers and drunkards—generally the offscourings of San Francisco, New-Orleans and New-York. In very many instances, however, the case is different with the men, where they go out intending in good faith to settle as farmers, but being pressed into service immediately on landing.

They stated also that the Costa Rican authorities had offered a reward of \$20,000 for the capture of Walker alive, or \$10,000 for his head.

The steamer Onzaba left San Francisco the same day with the Golden Gate. She was to touch at San Juan del Sur, and come thence to Panama, connecting with the Texas at Aspinwall.