

THE HORNET OR CUBA.

The Proceedings at Wilmington—A Deserter to Give Evidence for the State.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 15.—The case of the sloop-of-war *Cuba* comes up before the United States Commissioner to-morrow, and continues to excite great interest. A marine who had deserted from the *Cuba* and went to New-York has been brought here as a witness for the Government. An attempt was made by the officers of the *Cuba* to arrest him to-day, but the officers of the United States gunboat *Frolic* claimed that he was under the protection of the United States flag, and the movement was abandoned. The impression is general that the case will be again continued by the Government. District-Attorney PIERREPONT, of New-York, is expected to take part in the prosecution to-morrow. The officers of the *Cuba* are still confident of ultimate release.

The Status of the Privateer.

The Spanish Consul at Washington claims to have the most undoubted evidence that the *Cuba (Hornet)* was purchased by Signor MACIAS, of the Cuban Junta, in a certain port of the United States, and at the time of her so-called transfer at sea (a mere subterfuge, it is declared, which was to be winked at by the United States) Señor ROBERTS, the Spanish Minister, and his aids in New-York City, had two spies on board the privateer. Since the flight, caused by the threats of the officers on the vessel, of one of the spies, the other one has made his appearance, and being promised full protection from the threats of all enemies, will probably give in his evidence on the trial at Wilmington. It is rumored that he witnessed the transfer, and claims that the papers had all been made out in the port where Señor MACIAS purchased her.