

THE KOSTA DIFFICULTY.

MR. OFFLEY'S POSITION—IS KOSTA FREE OR IN PRISON?

The Vienna Gazette asserts that the British and French ministers at Washington have expressed their concurrence in the collective protest of Austria, Prussia and Russia against the conduct of Captain Ingria in the Kosta affair. This assertion is, of course, false.

A Vienna correspondent of the London Times says, Oct. 15th, that the grounds of Mr. Offley's (United States Consul at Smyrna) refusing to consent to Kosta's shipment were:

1st. That he, Mr. Offley was not dependent on the legation at Constantinople, but must receive instructions from Washington.

2d. Kosta was either an Austrian or an American citizen; if the former, he must be delivered over to Austria; if the latter, he could not be forced to sail to America.

We cannot arrive at the facts from the contradictory fragments that appear in the European papers. It is now said, with the authority of the Frankfort German Journal, that Kosta did not leave Smyrna on the 5th, but still remained prisoner in the French hospital.

(From the London News, Oct. 26.)

A few days ago we published the statement of the Austrian government respecting the convention made by Baron Bisch, its ambassador at the Porte, with Mr. Brown, Minister of the United States at Constantinople, stipulating the conditions upon which Martin Kosta should be released from the guardianship of the French Consul. We subsequently quoted the statement of a Maltese journal that an American vessel, with Martin Kosta on board, had touched at that Island. This latter statement was rendered doubtful by the fact that one of the points of agreement was, that the vessel conveying Kosta should not touch at any of the Mediterranean ports. It would now appear that it was not true, and, indeed, that Kosta had not left Smyrna on the 5th. The following letter in the German Journal of Frankfort bears date that:

Kosta is still in the French hospital, and the affair has assumed a new appearance—the Consul of the United States has declared to the Consulate General of Austria that Kosta was either Austrian or American; if that, he ought to be given up to Austria, but, if of American, he could as a Freeman, go or stay where he pleased.

The consul added that he had no orders to receive from the American embassy at Constantinople, but solely from his government.

In consequence he refused to receive and send off M. Kosta. Mr. Brown, Secretary of the American Legation at Constantinople, then demanded from M. Pichon, Consul of France, that Kosta should be given up, but M. Pichon refused, saying that he only undertook to give up Kosta to one of the parties, with the consent of the consuls of Austria and the United States. Mr. Brown thereupon obtained from the ambassadors at Constantinople an order addressed to M. Pichon, to give up Mr. Kosta even without the consent of the Consul of the United States. But M. Pichon would not execute the order, saying that he was under an engagement to the consuls of Austria and the United States. Kosta, on his side, declared that under the circumstances he would not quit his prison. Mr. Brown accordingly referred to Constantinople, without having obtained anything, and the affair, thus far unarranged, tended to become more complicated.

Advertisement.

We invite the attention of our body readers to the advertisement of Mrs. A. W. Weston, Mrs. Clark, and others, to be found in another number of this paper.

Also those of Mrs. Stevenson, and Miss Sarah Tidby, Miller and Martin Makers.

We have to set all records, and especially India, who publishes the Prize generally rewarded with the patronage of a liberal public, and we hope the money expended by these ladies in advertising will be repaid in hundredfold in the way of customers.

Our friends who may wish to visit Charleston may, on going through it, then 24 hours, by taking the night train. Saving of time is a great consideration.

With the consent of the owners persons, and it was with us at this time.

North Carolina *Veltig*.



CHARLOTTE:

Tuesday Afternoon, November 15, 1853.

12 WILLIAM THOMPSON, Esq., is our agent in Baltimore, authorized to obtain advertisements and subscriptions, and to grant receipts.

12 E. W. CARR, Esq., is our agent in Philadelphia, authorized to obtain advertisements and subscriptions.

12 E. W. PALMER, Esq., is our authorized agent to receive advertisements and subscriptions at his offices in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Visit to Charleston.

Having occasion to visit the "Queen City," on a little business, we took a flying trip, leaving Charlotte on Tuesday and reaching Charleston on the next morning at 5 o'clock—returning home Saturday evening at 3 o'clock. As our stay was necessarily short, we only called on our friends of the Standard, without whom we had some business. We hope at a more favorable time to call on the acquaintance of the other members of the Corps Editorial.

It has been over two years since we were in Charleston, yet we could see much improvement in that time. Some of the large Dry Goods establishments on King Street can fairly compare with New York, and the Mills House on Meeting Street, in our view, in appearance, equals the famous Astor House.

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