

work. When Manuel Olivarez last year wrote to Mr. Harrod, asking him to assume the guardianship of Inez, he told him to bring to New Mexico ammunition and weapons for the arming of the American residents of Santa Fé. Olivarez felt that their lives were not safe from week to week, or from day to day. Since Olivarez's death, since Santa Anna has become President of the Republic, conditions have materially improved; yet de Velasco suggested that the weapons might not come amiss some day.

"Surely it will be well that they be where they will be easily obtainable. If they are hidden in this vault that I know of at old Pecos, they can be taken from there, a few at a time, and distributed among the law-abiding citizens, for the protection of themselves and their property, if the day should come when they might need protection!" he said.

This Lieutenant, whom Velasco engaged to accompany the caravan into Santa Fé, says it is whispered here and there, and among those who have reason to know of what they are speaking, that if the United States and Mexico declare war upon each other, New Mexico will be apt to ask to be taken into the sisterhood of the States, even as Texas is about to do. There are many American residents in New Mexico, and especially in Santa Fé. American sentiment is strong. The property