

ized and uncivilized world alike are intended to be comprehended thereunder. But how, it may reasonably be urged, can the authorities burdened with the duty of its enforcement act in various contingencies that may arise to perplex them? A Swiss, for example, who may have formed a contract or agreement previous to his leaving home to perform labour or service in the United States, and who, proceeding north, may have embarked at some Atlantic harbour, or going south, sailed from a Mediterranean port—what is to be done with him, should he plant himself on the free soil of the Republic, and it should be desired to deport him? The master of the vessel, who has (probably quite innocently) brought the delinquent over is obliged under a heavy penalty to receive him on board again, and transport him on the return voyage to the very port from which he may have sailed. This, it will be apparent, does not place him in Switzerland, that being, as no one needs to be reminded, inland territory. Would there not be as plain a disregard of the rights afforded each of them by international law in setting him free without license in France, Italy or Germany as were some American officer of justice to spur his lagging steps in conducting him to the frontier? A like situation would be presented if the return of an emigrant unlawfully finding his way into the Republic from the South American dominions of Bolivia or Paraguay were sought.

Distinct altogether from the peculiar state of things exemplified, where, some one might inquire, does the United States obtain its power to command the person in charge of a sea-going vessel bound for some European or other shore, to carry a passenger in custody (for his control of the alien in view of the rigorous conditions by which he is governed, amounts to imprisonment) a single foot within the limit of three miles from the coast which forms the admiralty jurisdiction of the power behind it. The correct thing for the master to do, supposing him to desire immunity for himself (apart from any humane consideration) would be, before reaching the ticklish point, to launch one of the ship's boats, place the rejected party in it and allow him to shift for himself. But, may we say, in reference to such like suggestions that any results involving absurd or un-