

render of the fugitives, to His Excellency the Governor of the State of New York. There ought never to have been any difficulty in the matter from the first, if the Watertown authorities had referred the case to the Governor of the State, and left it for his decision. There would then have been no cause of complaint, but this course was not popular, therefore it was not adopted; or if they had acted at once on the reciprocity system, without reference, it would have been just and fair, for immediately before this, several individuals having broken the laws in the States, horse and cattle stealers fled to Kingston, but on the pursuers communicating with the magistrates, the police immediately assisted in the apprehension of the fugitives, and helped to put them into the steamer which conveyed them back for trial. However, the sympathizers at Watertown, screened and helped the British felon deserters, (and the authorities gave in to the popular clamour), and thereby encouraged a tide of crime to set across the frontier, but of this line of conduct they will have cause some day to repent, as an influx of felons will surely not contribute to the comfort and happiness of any community.