It is proper that the numerous and respectable readers of your valuable paper—many of them being Spaniards by birth, and naturally sympathizing with their countrymen, transiently or permanently in this country—should understand fully the reasons of the late arrest of Mr. Martin and Mr. Rees at the suit of the respective owners of the schooner in Anistad. It is the more necessary because some but falsely evil disposed persons have industriously accused the good names of these respective owners of malicious intentions, and of a persecuting spirit towards others. Rees and Berton, or have their respectable sentiments and minds of several of your countrymen.

Neither the undersigned, nor, as he believes, any other member of the committee appointed to act on behalf of the accused, or of any other interest, entertain any sinister or malicious feelings towards either of them. On the contrary, they have endeavored to treat them with all the courtesies and kindness, and christian temper becoming the occasion, forbearance, and christian tolerance, which they have adhered to the immutable principles of justice and righteousness, acting for the weaker and more defenseless Africans.

The arrest was made in consequence of advice from other respectable persons in this and other States of the legal profession and
some, them being among our most eminent citizens, but
otherwise, not in the least depend upon necessarily, any
prophetic voice, from obtaining evidence, nor in
a spirit of persecution and Tartuffery to incarcerate
the contemned, harmless, and helpless negroes, chiefly
here with a purpose for the purpose of having
a certain legal questions decided by various tribunals
of justice to the end that it might appear whether
the African were or were not slaves according to
Spanish laws, or free men, and, as such, entitled
in this country to the privileges of other forefathers.
At the same time candor compels me to aware passing
that the committee also had in view the example
of our late dearest
punishment, experience,
provided it should
appear that the poor negro had been cruelly and
barbarously treated while in the custody of the claim
they knew at least
and
they wished to have decided in a court
of law, by American judges, and passed by a jury composed
equally of Americans and Spanish subjects.

Two men, natives of Africa, of the crew
of H. B. M. Brig Beecher, now in this harbour, are
remembered, as interpreters, and well understand the ver-
acity of the Amistad negroes. In this
nefarious design of the Amistad negroes, in the
vessels, the negroes have been informed
way the Council of the priests, have been informed
of their melancholy story, and their just claims on
unprincipled

In conclusion, Sir, I beg to advise these noble
men, all of whom read these remarks, that whilst this would be