Judge Thompson's Recent Decision.

The eminence abilites, and profound legal knowledge of this venerable judge; have placed him high in the respect and confidence of the American people, but should not exempt his decisions from respectful criticism. His decision at Hartford, Con., with reference to the African prisoners of the Spanish schooner Amistad, have occasioned much remark and discussion. Allow me to make a few suggestions.

The matter came before Judge Thompson very improperly. In the first place it is very doubtful whether an officer in our navy, even in the Revenue service, can, of his mere motion, arrest any individuals, or force a vessel to deviate from its course. But, waiting this, the District Judge committed to jail 49 Human Beings Contrary to law. Forty six of them were held to answer to the charge of murder on the high seas— one of them being a little boy— Carre— about seven years of age! when they were not amenable to any of our Courts. Three of them were held as witnesses when they were too young to testify on oath.