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From the Columbia Phoenix, October 24. We call attention to the following extract from the letter of a citizen of Yorkville, addressed to a gentleman of the highest character, His letter will give some idea of the scenes enacted in York. Nor will our readers fail to appreciate the indignant emotions evinced by this writer, whom we know to be a quiet, law-abiding man:

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LONDON, October 24. The Times, this morning, suggests the appointment of an imperial commission to effect a permanent difficulty which may grow out of the cutting out of the schooner Horton. It believes that any complications will be thus compromised promptly and on an equitable basis.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, October 24. There was a Cabinet meeting to-day. Present: Sherman and Boutwell. The question of the Hornet, which was blocked by the President in a day or two, was considered in Cabinet. Grant holds that bearing the American flag, and being under bonds to this government, entitles the Hornet to freedom in neutral waters. The diplomatic committee has in the department an early release of the Hornet is expected.