Sept 1st The "Edwards" has been detained here from day to day engaged taking in ballast; we have kept this letter open hoping that we might be able to learn and report something definite respecting your Brig "Catoma". The Steamer "San Jacinto" arrived in our port this morning and will leave to night bound homewards.

Spanish difficulty. We are informed that "Mynte" will write an account of a threatened attack of the Spaniards but it has not commenced. On Wednesday last at half past 8 o'clock A.M. a Spanish Steamer ran out our harbor and anchored at short distance ahead of our government Steamer "Quail:" A boat in command of a lieutenant was sent from the Quail on board the Spanish vessel the officer was courteously received and in answer to his question was informed by the Spanish commander that he visited our place in order to have an interview with Gen Benson. He enquired for the landing place & left. As our Liberian officer left, the Spaniard looked down into the boat and remarked "I see you are armed" the reply was no more than is customary among man & civilized men. At 8½ o'clock without having had any further communication with us the Spanish Steamer weighed anchor and stood out of port, at 11½ o'clock she returned again, making a considerable circuit outside the Port, passed under the stern of the Am. Br. "Edwards" and placed herself between that vessel and the "Quail": and from that position only distant 200 yards raked the latter vessel with grape, then ranging forward she shot at second time, fell within far more than the range of the Cape and passed on her way. At the same moment the Quail which was at anchor had sent a solid shot at her guns to bear & then she let fly and every one of that gunn hit, nine in number the driver and the way that Spanish Don descended into port was a caution; he only fired three more shots and