

of less importance, whether by taxing the interest between the verdict and judgment, with the costs, as is the practice in New York; or by computing it from the verdict, and recovering it with the judgment, as in Pennsylvania; or by entering the judgment as of the date of the verdict, *nunc pro tunc*, as might readily be done—still the *principle* should be steadily maintained, to allow the creditor interest for delay of payment of his debt from the time its amount is fixed and ascertained by the verdict, until it is paid.

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 NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

VISITATION AND SEARCH; or an Historical Sketch of the British Claim to exercise a Maritime Police over the vessels of all Nations, in peace as well as in war. With an inquiry into the expediency of terminating the Eighth Article of the Ashburton Treaty. By WILLIAM BRACH LAWRENCE, Editor of "Wheaton's Elements of International Law." Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1858.

The importance attached by this country to maritime rights makes any inquiry into their application highly interesting. Hence, this historical sketch with regard to the right of visitation and search cannot fail to attract readers. The author is well known to juriconsults as the editor of Wheaton's Elements of International Law, and has enjoyed special opportunities for becoming familiar with the maritime police that is exercised over ships.

The exposition of international law presented by this government, and admitted by Lord Stowell and Lord Lyndhurst, has definitely settled the independence of our flag, on the part of the greatest maritime power of Europe, and the subject has since become matter of history. No where will the reader find the past and present history of a once exceedingly vexed question more fully discussed, or more luminously treated than is the well written pages of Mr. Lawrence's small volume, and very modest volume.

It is not unworthy of remark as showing how comprehensive the newspaper press is, that the first suggestions of Mr. Lawrence's Essay were printed with much success in the Newport Advertiser. It has been reserved for our times to print grave discussions upon vital questions of international maritime law in the columns of a newspaper, which addresses itself to readers of all classes, law and lay, and that such discussions having been thus brought before his countrymen, the author finds himself required to cast his views into the shape of an essay. It is certain that the information contained in these 208 pages is not easily found elsewhere, and a valuable contribution has been added to our history of International Law.