

HOW STANDS THE CASE?

In another part of to-day's paper we publish the exciting intelligence, that actual war has been commenced against the Government of the United States, by the so-styled "Confederate States."

Let it be remembered, by all, that they do not, and cannot complain of any single act of the Federal Government, but that the only pretext for the attack upon Fort Sumter, was, that our Government proposed sending provisions, in an unarmed boat, to our famishing soldiers, in the rightful occupation of Government property. The rebels had ample and repeated assurance that not a gun would be fired in any event by the United States, except in case of an attack. It was, simply, therefore, because the Government did not leave Major Anderson and his men to die of hunger, that they make war upon the country—upon their own Government—upon the flag of the nation.

We venture to assert, that history has never recorded a parallel instance of wickedness, ingratitude, madness and folly.—They have even robbed those who otherwise would be their apologists of any decent excuse for their conduct. Verily, "whom the God's would destroy, they first make mad."