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and the other forty marks each, equivalent to 13 dollars, and they were sent to jail till 16<sup>th</sup> April paid. One of them sued out a writ of *Habeas corpus*, which was argued before Justice Vaughan, who decided that the imprisonment was illegal, and remarked that if jurors were to follow the directions of a judge as to their verdict, they were a useless pair, trouble and delay. It was admitted that justice had the right to judge both of the law and the fact, but for years an exception was made in reference to civil cases, in which the courts claimed the power to decide on the law. This was strongly controverted by Erskine in 1783, on the trial of the Dean of St. Asaph, and his argument attracted such attention that Mr. Fox introduced a bill into Parliament, which was supported

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The Milwaukee Sentinel having placed upon his bulletin board an announcement of the Pacific's arrival on which was written, "War is *status quo*," two men from the country walked up to the board, and after reading very deliberately, "War is *status quo*," said one of them, "where is thunder's that?" "I don't know," said the other, "it'll spread all over the world yet." "Shouldn't wonder if it did," said the first. This reminds us of an anecdote of a person who affected profound wisdom and unlimited information upon every subject, and who while listening with a crowd of companions to the reading of the latest from France, "hearing the words" the French have taken umbrage and wishing to show his superior knowledge broke in with—Ah, indeed! taken umbrage have they! I know they'd been wrangling for some time.











