

England. That some legal questions
were involved in it originally
and that he would have to speak
to Mr. Thoreau about them.

I called his attention to the fact
that the Confederate flag had
been scarcely, if at all, seen in a
Port of France; that they had al-
most no commerce upon the ocean
and scarcely the pretence of a navy.
That the two vessels (Hatchville and
Sumter) which had alone been in
European waters, had demeaned
themselves as pirates, rather
than as ships of war. That a
withdrawal of belligerent rights
would, under these circumstances,
take from the South no material
advantage.