

Japanese Embassy.

The correspondent of the *Boston Traveller* writes in regard to the expected arrival, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, of the Japanese Embassy, as follows :

The administration is greatly embarrassed, by advices just received from Japan. The ambassador from that country, with a *suite* of seventy persons, started for this country on the 22d of February, and is expected to arrive here about the middle of April. As our government is expected to entertain this host of Celestials, much perplexity arises as to the mode and the cost of the hospitality. Where is the money to come from to pay their bills? What ceremonies are to be used to do them honor! How are they to be received by the President and Cabinet, and even by Congress? The fact is their etiquette and ours is diametrically opposite. Our forms of doing honor would insult them. For instance, one of the greatest insults that can be put upon a Japanese is to spit upon the ground in his presence. And also their mode of revenging insults is unlike ours. The American would stab his insulter, while the Japanese disembowels himself. Conceive, then, of this throng of Mandarins visiting Congress, where every honorable member has his own private spittoon. What is then to be done? Which is the easier, to abolish the American, and especially the Congressional, habit of expectoration, or the tendency of the Japanese to suicide? But, jesting aside, the reception of these personages is a subject of serious consideration by the Administration, and has been discussed by the Committee on Foreign Affairs.