

The President of Cuba, has written and distributed a proclamation among the Spaniards of that island, in which the cause of the patriots and its claims upon all the people of that island are set forth at length, and enforced in a strong, firm and temperate manner. He declares it was not hatred to Spain that produced the revolution of 1868, but a determination to obtain those rights which have been denied to the masses in Cuba for three centuries. Under the constitution of the Cuban Republic all men are equal. The Spaniard is on the same footing with the Cuban. They are all brothers and citizens of the same country. In 1868, when the city of Baramo was captured by the Cuban forces, universal suffrage was proclaimed, and scores of Spaniards enrolled their names on the lists of the free citizens and used the ballot to designate who should rule over them in civil capacities. But Spain would not recognize the will and voice of the people. It denounced the republic and commenced a bitter, brutal, uncivilized war upon the Cuban people. This war has been kept up until the present time, and both Cubans and Spaniards have suffered in persons and estates. Each year of the war costs Spain from ten to twelve thousand lives, and costs Cuba \$30,000,000 in extraordinary expenses. And what are Spaniards to gain in Cuba from this policy? Their property is in Cuba. It is heavily taxed at the present time to aid Spain in the war. It may be destroyed by the Cubans in their advances upon Spanish territory. And if Spain should succeed the people of the island are still "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to the tyrannical, dissolute house of Bourbon. But Cuba free, and all the people are freemen, and the advance of the material interests of the Republic will be unprecedentedly rapid. These are the points of the address, and they cannot fail to have an effect upon the thinking Spaniards of the Island. The future prosperity of the country, a sincere desire to put an end to the war and stop the shedding of blood, the waste of treasure, are declared to be the motives of the President of the Republic in issuing this appeal to the Spaniards of Cuba. If heeded, it is well. If not, the motto of the patriots is "blood and fire forever, or independence and progress for all. [Philadelphia Times.]