

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

The Emancipation of the Slaves Proclaimed.

Suffering at Puerto Principe.

The Herald publishes the following special despatch:—

Havana, Jan. 7.—Advices from St. Jago de Cuba to the 1st inst. are received.

Gen. Cespedes, Provisional President of the Republican government and Senor Aguilera were with the insurgents near that city and have proclaimed the emancipation of slaves.

They condemn Gen. Marmol's course in destroying the aqueduct and complain that the people of the western department have not heeded the call of the revolution, and that the Junta at Havana was furnishing no money.

It is reported that Col. Bemegasi has failed to occupy Holquin, and that he has been compelled to return wounded to Gibraltar.

News from Neuvas is to the 5th.

No accounts are given of Valmazida's operations. Gen. Quesada is said to have landed from Nassau with 80 men and 3,000 rifles.

Puerto Principe is still surrounded by small bands of insurgents.

In the city prostration and gloom prevail. The shops are closed and many arrests have taken place.

On the 18th ult. a fight occurred at Casali-dad Yequas between 700 insurgents and 500 Spanish troops. The troops were defeated with heavy loss.

Acosta reached Puerto Principe on the 20th ult. The wounded have been carelessly treated and many have died.

The proclamation of Gen. Quesada has been received.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.

A proclamation by the Captain General abolishing court martials for the trial of civil cases was to-day promulgated.

The reports are fully confirmed that the revolutionists have decreed the abolition of slavery within their lines. The Spaniards here consider it a desperate measure and an indication of the weakness of the rebel cause.

The commanders of some flying columns of Spanish troops report that the revolution is gradually decreasing, but well informed Cubans assert the contrary and report that the revolutionary forces are constantly receiving accessions from within and without the Island.

The proclamation of liberty of the press has gone into full effect. The leaders of the Cuban party declare that they have the greatest confidence in General Dulce as an honorable gentleman, but they say they cannot place any reliance on the compromise measures he introduces, for another revolution may take place at any moment in Spain, which might change the whole aspect of affairs and annul perhaps all the acts of the Captain General.