

The Spanish Minister Sends the Secretary of War an Ultimatum.—Reception at the White House.

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A Washington special says the Spanish Minister has informed the State Department that should this country recognize the belligerent rights of Cubans, Spain will regard it as a declaration of war and will authorize the fitting out of privateers which cannot fail to do great harm.

It proves that the "Arago" took no recruits for Cuba. The schooner Grapesbot, which was reported sailed for Cuba with volunteers, is still here in this harbor.

A large number of Spencer rifles for the Spanish troops were forwarded by the Columbia to-day. Mr. Plumb, our new Consul to Havana, sailed in her.