

respondent of that paper giving out the following:—

It is reported that a number of parties from this city have joined the organization said to be represented by Harrison. I learn from an authentic source that General Jack Gleeson, formerly of the Fenian army, is about to visit Cuba, with a view to ascertain the actual condition and resources of the patriots before the Fenians will afford them any material assistance.

Now, let us premise that "General Jack Gleeson" never was a "Fenian General," nor any other kind of General that we know of; and further, that, in 1867, when his countrymen were said to be "out" on the hill-sides at home, he declared in our hearing that he did not belong to either of the existing Fenian organizations; nor have we ever heard that he has since contributed any "material assistance" to either, that would entitle him to dispose of their resources. But be that as it may, there is not a man living, either here or anywhere else, that has the power or authority to divert the men or means of the Fenian organization to any purpose from the legitimate one for which they were intended.—Individual Irishmen may enlist to fight for Cuban independence, and, our best wishes would go with them as men who were struggling in the good cause of freedom; but the *Fenian officer*, who, solemnly pledged to devote all his efforts, and every energy he possessed to the rescue of downtrodden Ireland,—if such should not only desert his post, but abuse his position to draw his unthinking comrades after him, he would, by the act, prove himself a traitor to a holy cause,—one whom it would not be safe to entrust with the safety of any other,—a mercenary whose hireling sword was at the disposal of the bidder who held the longest purse.

We wish well to Cuba, and trust her sons will soon be acknowledged as a free people. But we, Irishmen, have done enough and more than enough of fighting in other peoples' quarrels. It is full time, now, that we did a little in our own behalf; and if any patriotic Irishman or Irish-American has any superfluous blood of *his own* to waste, he had better save it carefully for the service of the land of his fathers. For no matter what crafty knaves or mercenary "crimps" may say, the chance of a good blow for the old land was never nearer to our grasp; and the call that will summon the good and true to do battle for the cause in which every Irishman ought to fight, may be sounded before some of those who "fight for Cuba" in the journals of the day, can get rid of their newspaper armor.

VICARIOUS PATRIOTISM.

If we might believe the sentiments from time to time put forward in several of the New York journals, the agents of the Cuban revolutionists must be marvelously in love with the "Fenian" element in the United States, or they must imagine that the said Fenians have such an appetite for fighting that they cannot even wait for a near chance of fighting for their own country, but must go plunging headlong into the quarrels of every other people, without regard to consequences. According to these veracious journalists, there is scarcely a day that some "Fenian Colonel" is not offering "his regiment" to the Cuban Junta; and the number of "Generals" who are said to be thus ready to immolate their countrymen on the altar of liberty is almost incredible. As a sample, we find, in the *Herald* of Saturday, June 19, the Washington cor-