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### **Gen. Grant Said to be in Favor of Cuban Independence.**

HAVANA, Sunday, Jan. 17.

Letters received here state that Gen. GRANT and President JOHNSON are both positively in favor of Cuban independence, and that Gen. GRANT promises to aid in securing that end after his inauguration.

The neglect of the American and English Ministers at Madrid to arrange a reciprocity treaty concerning tonnage dues, which Spain conceded last June to all nations, and the advantages of which are at present enjoyed by all, excepting American and English vessels, causes American ships an additional expense of \$1 per ton, thus injuring American commerce.

Commerce is languishing and mistrust and suspicion of the stability of certain houses is increasing.

The notes of the Spanish Bank are quoted at four per cent. discount. The bank is daily besieged by the populace attempting to obtain specie. The President of that institution died yesterday.

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