

CUBA.

Meeting of Liberals in Havana—They Declare for the Independence of Cuba.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

A meeting of leading Liberal Cubans was held yesterday. It was resolved unanimously that Cubans should insist on the autonomy of the island; that this independence granted by Spain, with all the guarantees necessary to insure its permanency, would solve all the difficulties and evils which afflict the country.

This resolution is regarded as a declaration of the political faith of the Liberal Party. The *Prensa*, reviewing an article on the subject in the *Verdad*, a Liberal paper, says if the Cuban Party insist on continuing the fight against Spain, it must be with the object either of throwing the island into the arms of the United States, or of forming a Republic separate from Spain. This renders it necessary for the Spaniards to reduce them to loyalty by force of arms. But should the Spaniards be attacked by foreigners and perhaps compelled by superior force to leave the island, they should leave it in ruins and ashes.

A letter from the American Consul at Nuevitas, dated the 14th, says news had been received there from Puerto Principe that the rebel forces, 6,000 strong, under Gen. QUESADA, were advancing on that city, which was defended by Col. MENA, with a garrison of 3,000 men. Ample preparations had been made to receive the insurgents; the city was in a thorough condition of defence.

In view of the intelligence from Bayamo, it was doubtful whether QUESADA would persist in his movement. The Spanish Commander was confident he could repulse any attack by the rebels.

Owing to a personal difficulty between Gen. Wm. F. SMITH, the President of the International Ocean Telegraph Company, and Mr. DICKERSON, President of the Florida Railroad, a Judge in Jacksonville Fla., has issued an injunction against the Cable Company, preventing them from using their land line in the State of Florida. In consequence of this proceeding, the working of the wires was interrupted on Sunday and a portion of Monday. This suspension of communication created much confusion, and caused no little damage to the commerce of Cuba and the United States. It now appears that the injunction has been partially removed.

The Bishop of Havana has sent an ecclesiastic to investigate the case of the parish priest of Trinidad, now in jail on charge of infanticide.

Arrived, steamer *Morro Castle*, from New-York
Sailed, steamer *Cuba*, for Baltimore.

Sugar dull. Exchange declining.