

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The Case of Commodore Higgins—The Spanish Gunboats.

The Cuban Junta have received a communication from Commodore Higgins, late commander of the *Cuba*, in which he fully answers the charges recently made against him. He closes his communication as follows:

"Other dispatches of minor importance I do not send. And now, having fully answered the official questions asked me, and given all the information upon the matter within my power, allow me to say in conclusion that myself and all the officers of the *Cuba* are deeply grieved at our motives being so misunderstood. As brave men and honorable gentlemen, they regret that the many slanderous notices going the rounds of the Press, impugning their honor and courage, have not been contradicted by the representatives of the Government in whose defence they have volunteered, and enlisted yesterday to the effect that a new enterprise was to be started, in which the late officers and crew of the *Cuba* were to be employed, but there is good authority for asserting that the rumor has no foundation in fact. They expect and demand an investigation of the whole affair shall be made."

It is said that all the officers of the *Cuba* are very indignant at the treatment which Commodore Higgins has received, and that they are fully determined to stand by him. A report was cir-

The six Spanish gunboats built on the Delaware, which were seized the other day, are expected at the Navy Yard to-day. The other two Spanish gunboats are still lying at the foot of West Thirtieth-street, closely watched.

The United States frigate *Frolic*, just from a watching expedition on the coast, arrived at the Navy Yard last night.
