

CUBA.

A Spanish Fleet not Ordered to New York— Suffering in the Interior.

HAVANA, Nov. 27, 1869.

The despatches published in the New York papers of yesterday and telegraphed here, to the effect that a Spanish fleet of war vessels had been ordered to rendezvous in New York harbor, and that President Grant had ordered United States vessels of war to cruise in said harbor, is commented on by the *Diario* in its issue of to-day.

The *Diario* refutes the statement that any Spanish fleet has received orders to go to New York, and characterizes the story as an invention of the friends of the insurgents, and says that the object of the New York press is to excite the American people against Spain. The *Diario* advises its friends among the Americans not to place any reliance in such rumors, which are started by conspirators and published for the purpose of producing irritation.

Advices from the interior of the island, received here to-day, are to the effect that hunger and misery prevail to an alarming extent. The column under Colonel Hidalgo lately found a hut in the vicinity of Palma-Sortano containing the lifeless bodies of eight persons who had died of starvation.

Petition to Congress for Recognition of Cuban Independence.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27, 1869.

The following petition to be presented to Congress has within the past three days received over 18,000 signatures in this city, and before the meeting of Congress it is estimated that it will be signed by 40,000 persons:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, in the interests of human liberty respectfully petition your honorable body to accord to the infant republic of Cuba the rights of a belligerent Power, and to recognize her independence. We urge the prayer for the reason that she has successfully withstood a foreign tyranny for more than a year, during which time she has established her just claims to be acknowledged among the Powers of the earth by organizing a constitutional representative government; by emancipating her slaves; by proclaiming freedom of conscience and speech; by providing for universal education, and, by other wise legislation, advancing the cause of liberty and equality; and because her sons, in their prolonged struggle, have shown endurance, patriotism and valor worthy of a great and free people, we invoke your immediate action, in the fervent belief that your compliance with our prayer will signally benefit humanity and redound to the glory of our country.