

Sumner's Anti-Cuban Manifesto Answered— Reasons for Recognizing Cuban Independence.

* A pamphlet has just appeared, adopted and approved by the Central Republican Juntas of Cuba and Porto Rico, in which Senator Sumner's speech adverse to the recognition of Cuba, delivered at the Republican Convention of Massachusetts September 22, 1869, is very freely analyzed. The pamphlet states that it would be impossible to understand Mr. Sumner's speech in view of his liberal ideas. Cubans cannot think that the United States sympathize with Spain. Mr. Sumner wishes to restrain public sentiment. The American doctrine means the exclusion of Europe from America. The two parallel questions of Alabama claims and the recognition of Cuba can be certainly maintained without any inconsistency or contradiction. They do not consider the Alabama claims their own; they consider Cuba a *de facto* government. The pamphlet then recounts the successes at Puerto Principe and Las Tunas and the victories of Baire, Jigerana, the heights of La Cruz, Las Minas, Sabana Nueva, Puerto del Padre, Manati and Ramon as evidence of successful belligerents. The precedent of the flag of Texas admitted to the port of New York in 1836 is quoted. They considered that after recognition, in sixty days the flag of the "republic" would prevail throughout Cuba; that the American nation is not neutral in the struggle; that popular sympathy has already pronounced in favor of struggling Cuba. A mass of testimony is then introduced, not only showing that slavery has been abolished by the republican government of Cuba, but that Cubans have generally been opposed to the institution, and measures, at different times, were taken to prevail upon the Spanish government to suppress the illegal traffic. They think it strange that the republic of the United States allows everything to Spain and nothing to Cuba. The pamphlet is a concise and well sustained plea for the cause of Cuba and points out in many particulars the untenable position held by the United States.