

## **The Duty of Congress in the Cuba Question.**

Congress must take some action before it adjourns in the matter of clothing the President with discretionary powers regarding Cuba. The high-handed course which the Spanish government there is pursuing under dictation of the blind passion of the Spanish volunteers is an outrage upon the common sense of the whole world, and, if not brought to some sense of propriety by external pressure, it will result in some bloody and outrageous event that will awaken an outburst of popular sentiment in this country surpassed only by that which followed the firing upon Fort Sumter. If Congress adjourns without granting discretionary powers to the President in regard to recognizing the belligerent rights of Cuba it will be taken by these mad volunteers as a tacit sanction of their violent and bloody practices, and place every American life and every dollar of American treasure in or near Cuba in imminent danger.

We trust to Admirals Porter and L'off to right the wrong in the case of the brig Mary Lowell; but we need something more than executive action. Our legislative branch must show that it is inspired by a truly American spirit. We have shown the haste exhibited by Spain in recognizing the belligerent rights of the Confederates, and the zeal of the colonial authorities in supplying blockade runners with arms and munitions. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and it is time for Congress to act in this matter of the Cuba question.

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