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## The Cuban Question Before the Cortes.

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The Cortes is now debating the clauses in the constitution which refer to the colonies. Señor Castellar, alluding to Cuba, said if Spain had followed the example of England in her treatment of Canada, by granting the liberties which the colonies now claim for themselves, the outbreak in Cuba would have been prevented. Marshal Serrano replied that Captain General Dulce granted the required liberties when he entered upon the government of Cuba; but party spirit blinded some of the inhabitants to the intentions of the home government. By the demonstration of physical force rebellion had been suppressed, but the moral disorder was disappearing very slowly. When the normal state of the island is restored the home government, acting in conjunction with the deputies of Cuba, will suppress slavery and punish all persons engaged in the slave trade.

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