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WASHINGTON, August 30, 1862.

The Proposition for the Purchase of Cuba— Probable Non-Action of the Serrano Government.

There is no foundation whatever for the report telegraphed hence last Saturday, to an afternoon paper in New York, that the proposition submitted by Minister Sickles to the Spanish government for the settlement of the Cuban question had been formally rejected. Secretary Fish, who was telegraphed to by the Cubans, to ascertain the truth or falsity of the report, replies that he has no information on the subject which would lead to the conclusion that any definite action had been taken by Spain. It is the impression here in well informed circles that no action will be taken on the proposition by the Serrano government. This is the opinion entertained by Mr. Lemus, the Cuban Envoy. The Spanish Cortes meets on the 15th proximo to choose a king, and it is thought Serrano and his Cabinet are anxious to avoid the responsibility of accepting or rejecting the proposition, and will throw it upon the new king, whoever he may be, and his ministry. The proposition is known to be unpopular in Spain, and it is thought that it could only be accepted with safety after a strong government shall have been established. This information is gathered from letters received from trustworthy sources in Spain and from parties friendly to Cuban independence.

Arrival of a Late Cuban Prisoner—His Ill Treatment at Havana.

Dr. Simons, a native of New York, and for many years a resident of Cuba, arrived here yesterday direct from Havana. He was seized by the Spanish authorities at Havana on suspicion of being engaged in the insurrection, and thrown into prison. After being detained for seven months he was released through the intervention of Consul General Plumb. While Dr. Simons was in prison his property was seized and destroyed by the Spaniards, his money in bank attached and he is now left poor. His treatment was of the most barbarous character, and he narrowly escaped being shot by the squad of volunteers by whom he was constantly guarded. Dr. Simons is here to make an appeal to the Secretary of State for the intervention of the government in his behalf. He proposes to call on Secretary Fish tomorrow and state his case.