

It was not to be supposed that the revolution in Cuba, concurrent with a greater in Spain and the abolition of slavery, would pass without recognition in this country, and some expression of a widely-felt desire for having the Cuban star added to our national galaxy. Mr. Robinson, of New York, has the credit of first bringing the matter up in Congress. His proposition, made on Monday in the House, is that this country shall at once acknowledge the success of the Cuban revolution and the government formed by it, and declare that Spain has no right to govern Cuba against the wishes of her own people. Either this, or this country shall take measures for the annexation of Cuba without payment to any government, at the option of the Cubans. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Without opening the expediency of the proposition—and there are reasons to be adduced on both sides—it is to be noticed that the Cubans are not yet quite free to elect in such a matter. They have been and are in rebellion. But Spain has just sent out military reinforcements, and they are in the field. She has also increased her fleet in the waters of the bay. The full measure proposed by Mr. Robinson could hardly be construed as an act of amity. There are other considerations also involved, and these are so numerous, and some of them so urgent, that it is not altogether probable the committee will report the bill instantly and favorably.