

## A SPANISH TRICK EXPOSED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4, 1870.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

On Wednesday last I forwarded to several of the daily newspapers of this city a copy of a telegram received by me that day, signed with the name of the agent of the Cuban Junta in Key West. I enclose you the original, which of itself proves the falsehood of the assertion contained in the *Times* of this day. The suspicion did not strike me at the time that the telegram might be a Spanish trick. The Spanish officials had previously signed my name and those of some of my colleagues to a proclamation which they foolishly trusted might be of use to them in the field in Cuba, and it is not impossible that, disgusted with the failure of their forgery, but not ashamed of the act, they should have forged the telegram to me for use in Washington. The scurrilous imputation contained in the *Times* of this morning gives strength to the suspicion.

MIGUEL DE ALDAMA.

The following is a literal translation of the despatch received in this city by Señor Aldama on the 1st instant:—

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 1, 1870.

TO MIGUEL ALDAMA—It is reported that there were 350 persons killed in Havana last night. A great fire is raging in Jesus Maria. The slaughter continues without exception.