

An Insurgent Raid on a Sugar Estate—The Buildings Burned—Escape of the Engineer—Capture of Cannons—The Sloop Champion.

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On the night of Wednesday, the 2d inst., a raid was made by a body of about 200 insurgents, commanded, it is believed, by Maceo, a mulatto, on the sugar estate "Armonia," the property of Manuel Colas. Four out of the seven white men who were on the place were murdered, the other three escaping, one of them badly wounded. The insurgents then burned the dwelling house, sugar house, negro huts, &c., and decamped. The engineer, an American, escaped. The last batch of prisoners are still confined in the jail; it is not known what their ultimate fate will be. On Sunday last two cannons, which had been discovered near Cobre, were brought into town with much ceremony. The escort which brought them into Cobre had an engagement with the insurgents, who tried to regain possession of the cannon, and inflicted some loss on the troops, although the precise details cannot be got at. Yesterday funeral honors for the repose of Castañon's soul were celebrated, the day being observed as a semi-holiday. The sloop Champion, Captain Cox, mentioned in my last as having been detained by the authorities on suspicion, has been abandoned by her captain, and, being very leaky, has sunk as far as the depth of water in which she is moored will allow her.