

## Cuban Leaders Opposing Annexation.

It appears that some of the military chiefs of Cuba are so disgusted with the United States government that they are forming clubs of independence hostile to all projects of annexation to this republic. Intercepted letters by the Spanish authorities reveal this fact, it is said. It would not be surprising should this be so, for though the press and people of the United States generally sympathize with the Cubans in their struggle for liberty, the authorities at Washington have proved more friendly to Spain than to Cuba. We do not think such a movement would go far, or that those who have the control of Cuban affairs would sacrifice the interests of their country from a feeling of disappointment or retaliation. Still it will be well to consider how far it is prudent or politic to make enemies of a people who must some day be annexed to the United States. It is unworthy a great nation like this to pursue the dog-in-the-manger policy towards a neighboring people fighting for freedom. We will not let any other Power interfere; we would not permit Cuba to fall into the hands of any other nation, and yet we do nothing ourselves. We stand with our arms folded in indifference while a fearfully bloody war is going on along our border. Badly as the Cubans may have been treated, we advise them, however, not to assume an attitude of hostility to the United States. They can gain nothing by it and may lose much. They must remember that great governments move slowly and cautiously, and if ours has not done what was expected, through the accident of certain men being in power, there will be change by and by. The hearts of the American people are with the Cubans, and the best thing to be done is to fight on for independence, and thus command the recognition of this country and the world.