

# THE CUBANS IN NASSAU.

**Chequered Career of the Anna—The Fate of the Lillian—The Case of the Salvador—The Difference Between Fighting for a Republic and Rebelling Against One.**

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The cause of the Cubans does not seem to prosper here in consequence of the action of the home government, which directs that no encouragement shall be given them. The steamer Anna, which left New York in January last, put in here, after landing a large quantity of arms on the Eastern coast of Cuba, for the purpose of coaling. She was towed in by her Majesty's ship the Dart, Captain Carnegie. Her clearance was made out, when two of her crew received \$100 each for betraying her. She was condemned in the Court of Admiralty, no defence being offered in her behalf, and sold to Mr. Dumaresqua, the Receiver General, who bought her in on behalf of the government for £1,050. How she is to be paid for no one can tell, as there is not \$500 in the Treasury, and officials here have received no salary for the last four months. A project is now on hand to establish a company to run the Anna between Nassau and the out islands.

The steamer Lillian has been condemned in the Admiralty Court, but an appeal has been lodged against the decision to the Privy Council in England.

The sentence against the steamer Salvador, which was in favor of the Cubans, has been appealed against by the Attorney General Anderson, and will probably be reversed. John Bull proclaims war to the knife against the Cubans. Judge Rothery, in this case, decided for the Cubans, as there was no proof that there was a rebellion in Cuba. Judge Doyle condemned the Lillian, as the proof of these facts was supplied by the affidavits of her captain (Harris) and General Guercurio, the commander of the expedition.

In the American war sufficient proof was given of the Southern rebellion, and yet the Alabama and Florida received all possible aid from the colonial government in these islands. So much in favor of the Alabama claims.

The Cubans purpose leaving this place in April and shifting their quarters to either Key West or some Southern port. They consider they have not been fairly dealt with by England. All the Cuban expeditions which have failed have done so on account of want of proper organization or treachery among the officers.

I learn that the Anna has again changed hands. The government has sold her to the Cubans for £700, having lost by their purchase £400, and no funds in the treasury. The new jail and the hotel are monuments of Bahama misrule. The former is generally full, the latter generally empty. The high charges for poor accommodations and the want of direct communication between this and New York will always prove a drawback. Letters are received only every four weeks.