

## SPANISH BUTCHERIES IN CUBA.

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The following details of the late terrible butcheries near El Cobre, District of Santiago de Cuba, are furnished us in a private letter, dated Havana, March 6:—

The unfortunate Cubans massacred near El Cobre were conducted to the place of immolation in two parties. The Governor of Santiago had sent for them, and the volunteers, fearing an attempt at rescue, made an agreement with the commander of the Valmaseda contra-guerillas to shoot them on the way. They did this with the approbation of the Spanish mob. In El Cobre the Spaniards hung out banners in front of all their houses and paraded the streets with bands of music, and made other demonstrations of joy. In Santiago they would have been equally merry and boisterous had not Governor Ojedo utterly forbidden it. Among the victims there were two American citizens, who perished in the same way as those at Jiguani at the hands of Palacios.

After the execution an allowance of grog was distributed among the victorious soldiery, with liberty to despoil the corpses, which were immediately stripped of all their clothing and valuables and then left for two days in the broiling sun, and were afterward thrown naked into a common hole, whither they were dragged by the feet.

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