

THE CENTAL SPANISH GENERAL MURILLO.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Your correspondent, "Villa Franca," whose amazing rhodomontade about Cuba and the United States appears in this morning's HERALD, mentions, with regard to the names of Cervantes and Murillo, repeated-

lative soldiers of Spain during the South American wars for freedom. Against the former I have nothing to say; but are you familiar with the character of Murillo? If not, let me relate a well authenticated incident of his career. Having taken captive a patriot chief, the son of the latter appeared at Murillo's headquarters to beg the life of his father.

"What would you do to save him?" asked the Spanish general.

"Anything," replied the boy.

"Would you let this be cut off?" taking him by the ear.

"Willingly," was the brave reply.

Murillo called a soldier and actually had the gallant child's ear cut off. He bore the sacrifice without flinching, when the brutal Spaniard, taking the child by the other ear, asked:—

"Would you sacrifice this also?"

"If it is necessary," was the calm reply.

This heroic (?) Spanish general caused the boy to be again mutilated, and when he asked:—

"Now, will you release my father?"

Murillo answered "No; the father of such a son must die; he is dangerous to Spain."

If your correspondent cannot find better men than General Murillo to illustrate the chivalry of Spain he had better be silent.

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