

The Cuban Question—General Banks' Report.

In conversation with your correspondent to-day, General Banks stated, that within a very few days he would be ready to submit his report on the Cuban question, but that a minority report had also been prepared. The report of General Banks, signed by a large majority of the committee, is quite lengthy, going over the whole Cuban question, from the outbreak of the rebellion to the present time, and recommending the administration to grant belligerent rights or to suspend the neutrality laws as regards Spain. I am informed that the report does not touch upon the Phillips case or the murder in cold blood of American citizens on Cuban soil. That branch of the question is to be left to the action of the House itself, it being expected that some member will propose some proper proceeding to vindicate the sound character of the American flag. It is stated that the State Department has information that Consul Phillips is entirely unreliable in his assertions. To use the very mildest term, his character is regarded with more than suspicion, and no credence is given to his stories of ill-usage merely on account of his action as American Consul. But, whether that be true or not, it is still urged that our government has ground enough otherwise against Spain for insults offered our flag and outrages perpetrated on our citizens to justify it in adopting some prompt and vigorous course against the Spaniards and in favor of Cuba. Should the neutrality laws be suspended the administration will in a measure be thereby relieved from responsibility in the matter.

General Jordan was at the House this afternoon in conference, from time to time, with individual members known as friends of Cuban independence. He recently had an interview with President Grant, representing to him the resources of the insurgents and their prospects of success. Last night he dined with Representative Swann, there being present nearly all the members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. General Jordan expresses himself much pleased with the progress he has made since his arrival in Washington in securing a more friendly interest in behalf of the cause, especially among the members of Congress.