

# OBITUARY.

## Domingo de Golcouria.

After more than twenty years of effort to free his native island General Golcouria has fallen a victim to the Spaniards. The announcement of his execution in Havana, published in the HERALD of yesterday, will be received with deep regret by his many warm friends in the United States. Born in Cuba during the early part of the present century he gave early evidence of those liberal principles which distinguished his later years. When Lopez, then in the employ of Captain General Valdes, conceived his plan of freeing Cuba, Golcouria was one of the few admitted to his confidence. The government becoming suspicious of his loyalty soon made the island uncomfortable as a place of residence, and he accordingly left it and came to this country, settling in New Orleans. Here he went vigorously to work organizing juntas, raising funds and preparing in other ways for an uprising of the Cubans or an invasion of the island from these shores. He opposed the three expeditions commanded by Lopez which were made in 1849, in May, 1850, and in August, 1851, on the ground that the forces gathered together were not large enough, and that the leaders did not possess sufficient resources to carry on what he believed would be a protracted warfare. Soon after Lopez was garroted, and while the subject of Cuban independence was at its height in the United States, the famous filibustering movement of General Quitman was inaugurated. Of this General Golcouria was appointed treasurer, and it is but just to his memory to say that he performed the duties imposed upon him with energy and fidelity. It is true the movement was abandoned, for no appreciable reason, and that the large sum of money contributed by the Cubans and Southern people was literally thrown away, but it is certain that so far as General Golcouria was concerned, he sacrificed much time and no small part of his private fortune to make the expedition a success.

Finding that nothing could then be done for Cuba General Golcouria turned his attention to Central and South America. He was associated with Walker in his movement against Nicaragua, but, quarrelling with that unfortunate leader, left him and returned to the United States before the fatal termination of the struggle. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits, amassing a handsome fortune. During our civil war he took part with neither side. On the outbreak of the present rebellion in Cuba he at once prepared to take an active part against the Spaniards. For some months he was employed organizing the famous expedition of last year, which attempted to leave this port and failed. Golcouria was captured on the steamer which was to have met the expedition off Gardner's Island, and was lodged in Ludlow street jail, where he remained until bailed. Subsequently he left the United States and went to Nassau, from whence he sailed with a party of patriots to Cuba, and succeeded in reaching the interior of the island. At the time of his capture he was *en route* for Mexico in a diplomatic capacity. General Golcouria was a gallant, patriotic Cuban, somewhat over-cautious in his movements and measures, but able and energetic. His death will prove a severe blow to the Cuban cause.