

Havana June 6th 1854

Mr. C. C. Cushing

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 14th of April, was received in the 17th of May; it seems to have found a stopping place on its way— I am very much obliged to you for its contents. I have made enquiries respecting Spanish law books, and find that they can be easily purchased in Havana— and should you wish my friend & lawyer ^{don} Ysidro Carbonell will procure them for you, in which case you will write him your wishes— directing to the care of my house— I will attend to the payment & see them forwarded to you— The late Decree of the Capt. General has caused much sensation amongst the inhabitants both old Spaniards and Creoles— and a strong revolutionary spirit prevails amongst all classes— although the old Spaniards hat not heartily the Americans, yet probably two thirds

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of them would prefer that the American Government
should take possession of the Island, at once rather
than have military service as they are, with strong
prospects of becoming worse. The Marquis Poyzuello
has made himself very unpopular, & has but
few friends except the officers of the Govt connected
with him - The present feelings of the people
are such - that should a few determined spirits
spring up - a revolution would soon take place
from one end of the Island to the other -
There is a great mistake in the United States
respecting the force on the Island, it is much
less than represented - there is not over three
thousand men - in and near Havana - one half
of them are required in the forts - The whole
active force of the Island will not exceed 40,000
men, & these are necessarily scattered throughout
the Island - so that it would be impossible to bring
at short notice - over 1500 fighting men, to any
one spot - This state of things naturally excites
some alarm to the Cape General - therefore his great
anxiety - to increase his force, by issuing some

eight thousand blacks, + mulattoes, also to form
a militia force of all the inhabitants from the
age of 16 to 45 - These orders were given some
-time since - and great difficulty is found in getting
the negroes to come forward & enlist, excepting
by force, - and there is so little confidence in
the loyalty of the inhabitants, - that there is
much doubt if the experiment of putting arms
in their hands will be tried. - The fleet is
also represented of greater force than it is,
there is not a fight here that the Albany could
not take in 30 minutes - The steamers are
good - but I have no faith in their fighting
qualities. - I have personally met with no
trouble, or annoyance from the Government
officers for sometime past, & trust that the
more important calls will cause them to
forget me - with much respect I remain

Yours very obedt. Servt
Chas. Jones

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