

The reported killing of ex-President Cespedes, of the Cuban Republic, by some members of the San Quentin battalion, is confirmed. His hiding place was betrayed by a captured negro, to save his own life. He was discovered with a few friends five leagues from Asserradero. His companions succeeded in getting away, but he could not escape, and while closely pursued by the troops turned and fired six shots from his revolver. This was returned by the troops and Cespedes received bullets in his head and breast causing instant death. His body was taken to Santiago de Cuba, and buried on the 1st inst. Cespedes was a native of Cuba, fifty five years old, had wealthy parents, was educated in Havana, and was for years a successful lawyer. He was banished in early life for active hostility to the Spanish government, and in October, 1868, raised the rebel flag on his own plantation, and the next day, with 150 men, attacked Yara, and fought the first battle of the Cuban revolution. In five days after, with 1,000 men, he captured Bayamo, and in April, 1869, he was made president. All his estates were confiscated by the Spanish government. Last October he was impeached and removed for stretching his authority to pardon his brother, convicted of some military offense; but he yielded with dignity, and avowed unchanging loyalty to the Cuban republic. Should the Cubans achieve their independence, Ramon Cespedes will hold the first rank among their patriots.