

**OUR CONSULSHIP AT HAVANA**—It has been heretofore stated in late Havana dispatches that the government authorities there refused to recognize the United States consul at Havana except as a commercial agent. We have had no consul general at Havana for the last two years, but only a vice-consul, Mr. De La Reintree, who was sent down to investigate the delinquencies of the late consul-general, and who, owing to his want of authority, has had difficulty in giving full protection to American citizens. On Thursday President Johnson sent to the Senate the nomination of General W. F. Smith ("Raidy") as consul-general at Havana; but as the Senate will not confirm any of the President's appointments, there is danger that in this exigency the office will become vacant, and the large number of American citizens in Cuba will be left unprotected. This is certainly a case in which the Senate ought to recede from its purpose not to confirm any appointments during Mr. Johnson's term of office. Affairs are now in an exceedingly critical state in Havana, and the resident Americans there ought not to be left to the tender mercies of Spanish martial law. Either Mr. De La Reintree ought to be raised to the consul-generalship or Gen. Smith ought to be confirmed for the place.