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**Arrival of an Important Batch of Documents for the Cuban Authorities—Situation on the Island—Both Sides Preparing for a Vigorous Fall Campaign—A Grand Expedition Fitting Out—Puerto Principe Besieged.** The Cuban Junta and Señor Morales Lemus, Minister from Cuba to this government, yesterday received a mail from Carlos M. de Cespedes, President of the republic of Cuba and from General Manuel Quesada, Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban army. Their mail came from the interior of the island via Key West. It left Jivara on the 23th ult., by special messenger in disguise on a sailing vessel, arriving at Key West on the 2d inst. and here yesterday.

Much of the news brought by this mail has already been made public. Other advices have been received, which caused the Junta and their President, Señor Lemus, to despatch a messenger to Washington last night with information for Cabinet consideration. The report that General Jordan has been made General-in-Chief of the *Departimiento Oriental* (Eastern Department) is officially confirmed. General Frederico Carada has been placed in command of the newly organized State of Villas and Quesada commands in person in the Centre Department. He will lead the general attack on Puerto Principe, which was to be made by the 15th. All his men were waiting for was a few pieces of artillery, which, with ammunition, had lately been landed from the Southern coast.

The whole number of vessels so far landed in Cuba with men and munitions of war for the Cubans is nine—two of which were steamers and seven sailing vessels. Twenty-six hundred filibusters, Americans mostly, is the total number of foreigners who have joined the Cubans on the island by expeditions since last October. One schooner from Mexico has made a landing and returned for another load of Mexican sympathizers.

General Quesada reports that he can concentrate 7,000 men, quite well armed and supplied, at Puerto Principe within forty-eight hours' notice. The city was closely besieged when he sent his messenger with despatches. He has, he says, 8,000 men enrolled who have the *macheta* only for offence and defence, but he expects a cargo of rifles every day. Holguin, nine leagues from the coast, has been occupied by the revolutionists, and they expected that Jivara, at the mouth of the river, would soon succumb. Holguin is the native town of Señor Morales Lemus, the prime mover in the work of inaugurating the rebellion.

The army is in extraordinary good health and has a superabundance of provisions. The government has quite a large amount of specie on hand, which is ready for the shippers of the looked-for cargo of arms.

Authority has been received by the Junta from President Cespedes to grant letters of marque as soon as they are sure that the Cubans have a seaport town. No further instructions are required than those received yesterday. Two vessels, long since offered for that purpose, will be commissioned and afloat very soon.

Around the Junta headquarters yesterday and during the last four or five days might have been seen a crowd of stalwart men, well dressed. They bore themselves as gentlemen. They wore the air of Southerners, and may be are the commissioned officers of a large expedition, which has been too well managed to be frustrated by our zealous marshals and their deputies. There were men who appeared as though they might have rode with Mosby or Wade Hampton, and, indeed, we strongly suspect that all were ex-officers of either the Union or Confederate armies. They are such material as General Jordan asks for, and no doubt several vessels will soon bear away full 1,500 of them for duty on the *siempre fiel isla de Cuba*.