

AN INCIDENT OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.—The correspondent of Gall's *Jamaica Express* says:

A poor unfortunate seaman had been apprehended on a charge of being implicated in a filibustering expedition, and he was thrust into prison, and afterward condemned to be shot, on evidence as unlikely and improbable as any one could conceive. He was an American, the son of English parents, and notwithstanding the most strenuous exertions on the part of the English and American Consuls, the Spanish authorities seemed determined to sacrifice this poor man's life. On the morning appointed for his execution he was marched out to the usual place, amid a great show of bloody solemnity. He was immediately followed by Mr. Ramsden, British Vice Consul, and the American Vice Consul, to make a still further protest in the prisoner's favor. Mr. Ramsden read the document, protesting in the name of England and America, declaring that the prisoner was altogether innocent of the charge which had been laid against him, demanding his immediate release, and declaring that if the unfortunate man's life was taken those who took it would be guilty of murder, and would be alike answerable to the Governments of England and United States of America.

During the reading of this document, which was done with calmness and determination, the prisoner fainted from excitement, and there were strong signs of impatience on the part of the Spanish troops, who manifested a thorough determination to force the authorities to take this man's life in spite of all remonstrance. A consultation followed, and Mr. Ramsden and the American Consul were eventually informed that their remonstrance came too late; the prisoner had already been sentenced to death for having taken up arms against Spain, and that that sentence must be carried into effect. With this, the order was given to the firing party to "present." It was the work of an instant, and Mr. Consul Ramsden and the American Minister, rushing with the flags of their respective nations before the levelled rifles of the Spanish troops and in front of the unfortunate man, shouted, "hold!" and wrapping the English flag around himself and the prisoner, and addressing the officer in charge of the firing party, said, "Gentlemen, as a Consul of her Britannic Majesty, I cannot stand silently by and see this foul murder of an innocent man. It is my duty to protect his life, and if you take him you must take it through these!" placing himself immediately in front of the condemned seaman, his eyes sparkling, while his manly form heaved with the indignation his speech had so heroically expressed.

The American Consul, wrapped in the "Stars and Stripes" of the Union stood abreast, and for some moments the Spaniards stood aghast, the conduct of these two Consuls being more than they could comprehend. The emotion of the prisoner was extreme; he was supported right and left by the Consuls, and the poor fellow shed a profusion of tears from weariness and excitement. A consultation was again held, and the prisoner marched back to jail under an escort of troops, the Consuls supporting the unhappy man all the way along. The furore was beyond description. After dark the prisoner was relieved and finally shipped from the country, through the indefatigable exertions of the Consuls.