

## FROM HAVANA.

Special Dispatch to the Sentinel.

HAVANA, Feb. 27.

The night patrols of the city have been discontinued. More troops are going to the interior.

Intelligence from Nuevitas to Thursday last, states that on Sunday night, the 21st inst., the doors of all the residences in that city occupied by Cubans were marked by a black cross and a placard with the words, "The time for clemency is ended—Vigilance." Great excitement was caused, and the strenuous efforts of a few prominent Spaniards alone prevented an outbreak.

A foraging expedition from the besieged garrison at Puerto Principe some days ago burnt the Xaldavis estate. On their return they were attacked by the Cuban forces and compelled to retreat to Puerto Principe with the loss of forty killed and a large number wounded.

Four thousand refugees from the country are reported to be at Algeria. There was a great dearth of provisions.

Advices from Santiago de Cuba, to Sunday, are received. Cholera was decreasing there.

Steamers left this port to-day, crowded with Cuban refugees for the United States.

It is reported that the insurgents lingering in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba have again cut the aqueduct, causing much inconvenience to the citizens.

Official information has been received that Gen. Lesca, strongly reinforced, is pushing his way into the interior from La Guanaja. Insurgents were stationed in force on the road near Magara Bomba. It was expected that the troops would soon attack them.

Gen. Puella has arrived at Cienfuegos with reinforcements. The troops there will be divided into three detachments. One under Puella will go to Santo Espiritu; one under Letonio to Villa Clara, and the remaining division, under Paez, will march to Sierra Morrena and Macagua.

An engagement took place between the Spanish troops and insurgents. The result of the battle is not known.

Reports from Cuban sources say that a fight occurred between the rebel forces under Gen. Quesada and the army of Gen. Lesca, on the road from Guanaja, and assert that the Government troops were routed.