

FROM HAVANA.

HAVANA, March 18.

Captain General Dulce has issued a proclamation making important changes in taxation. The direct taxes on plantations and country real-estate, and the war tax recently imposed on merchants and tradesmen, are reduced fifty per cent., and no government contribution payable within the last quarter of the fiscal year 1868-69 will be called.

To compensate the treasury for the loss of revenue incurred by these reductions, the following new duties are imposed: On Muscovado sugar shipped under the Spanish flag 16 cents, and under foreign flags 20 cents per 100 pounds; on every box of sugar under the Spanish flag 75 cents, under foreign flags 87 cents; on every hogshead of sugar under the Spanish flag \$1, under foreign flags \$1.75; on molasses 50 cents per hogshead, and on rum \$1 per hogshead. All the above duties are in addition to war taxes recently imposed on commerce.

NEW YORK, March 18.

A special to the HERALD from Havana says the insurgents under Azuilo and Marmal defeated Lopez Comara at Mayo:1, killing 300 men. Marmal was wounded. Lopez retreated to Santiago.

A wounded volunteer reports the Spanish General Latona as defeated at Villa Clara on the 3d inst.

It will take 10,000 men to restore railroad communication to Villa Clara. The rebels drove off the repairers of the road; but without hurting them. They capture supplies and divide them with the poor.

The foreman on a plantation near Puerto Principe has arrived here. He reports that women and children are leaving that city to join the insurgents. Spanish General Lesca has warned them to return, or they will be liable to the penalties of military law.

A vague rumor is widely circulated that the insurgents, in combination with some monitors, have captured the port of Santiago de Cuba.