

## FROM CUBA.

Special Dispatch to the Sentinel.

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A fleet of transports, with the state prisoners on board, sailed to-day for Fernando Po, convoyed by the Spanish frigate Lealtad, which will accompany them as far as Bahama Channel. The wharves and light-houses were crowded with people to witness the departure of the prisoners. The embarkation was effected in an orderly manner, under a guard of militia. Some trouble occurred on one of the wharves. It was reported that a thief was caught plying his trade. He was badly beaten and finally taken to the volunteers' barracks. About the same time there was a disturbance near the Governor's palace. A Cuban cried out "Death to Spain," "Viva Cespedes." He was immediately shot dead by one of the sentries on guard before the palace.

Later in the day, Police Commissioner Romero, who was suspected of sympathy for the man arrested on the wharf, was assaulted on the streets by the populace, who shot and killed him. The Captain General, hearing of the affair, and hoping to pacify the people, went to the barracks and immediately organized a court-martial for the trial of the colored thief, who, after a brief investigation, was sentenced to be shot. Intense excitement prevails throughout the city. Frequent cries have been heard of "Viva Cespedes," and there are fears of a riot.