

FROM CUBA.

New York, Sept. 8.

The following is from Spanish sources:

HAVANA, Sept. 7.

Cespedes and Quesada, with six thousand men, attacked Los Tunas, garrisoned by four hundred sick and invalid soldiers. They were repulsed with a loss of five hundred men, many arms and their flag. It was a complete rout—so much so that they dared not oppose the column of Benagasi, only five hundred strong, which arrived the next day with a large convoy at Los Tunas.

HAVANA, Sept. 7.

Government returns show that in the skirmishes which occurred in the jurisdiction of Cinco Villas during August, 300 insurgents were killed. The loss of the Spanish troops is much less.

The Captain General has issued a decree declaring salt and medicines contraband of war, and prohibiting their transportation into the interior without permits describing contents and giving destination of all packages.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.

Advices from the Cuban forces have been received in this city up to the 20th ult. In these letters friends of Cubans have accounts of several engagements which had recently taken place between Spaniards and Cubans. The Cubans, for some months, have invested the town of Puerto Principe.

On the 12th, Gen. Puelo sent out a force, numbering 700, as a reconnoitering party. They were attacked and defeated with a loss of almost their entire command in casualties, desertions and prisoners.

The town of Puerto Principe is reported deserted by Gen. Puelo's troops, who, after the recent engagements, retreated to Nuevitas.

These letters report that Valmaseda's forces, who had moved out from Los Tunas, had attacked the Cuban troops who were concentrating near that point under Gen. Quesada. The Spanish troops, composed of the entire strength of Gen. Valmaseda's force, and commanded by Valmaseda in person, consisted of twenty-five hundred regulars and fifteen hundred volunteers. With this force General Quesada was attacked, and after an engagement of four hours the Spaniards were repulsed with a very severe loss. The Cuban loss is over one hundred, while that of Valmaseda was much larger. Valmaseda retreated to Los Tunas, and under cover of the fortifications of that place secured protection for his troops, the Cubans not being supplied with artillery necessary to attack so formidable fortifications.

The Cubans now occupy the entire Cinco Villas district and territory of the eastern department commanded by Gen. Jordan.

Spanish troops and volunteers occupied the sea-coast towns and coast fortifications. A fight is reported near Puerto La Grande, in which the Spanish force, numbering over 700, was defeated. It is reported that after the first fire the troops deserted in a body to the Cubans, leaving their officers, who were captured and paroled by Gen. Jordan. Gen. Quesada and Jordan assert their confidence in the result and their ability to secure Cuban independence.