

## CUBA.

### **Destruction of Sugar Plantations—Two Hundred and Eighty Insurgents Killed—Cholera and Smallpox at Santiago—An Appeal to Venezuela from the Insurgents.**

HAVANA, Nov. 18.—Mr. COWPER, the English Consul at Trinidad, is charged with connivance with the Captain of the brig *Echo* in committing an act of barratry in selling the brig's cargo without notifying her consignee. The action causes much comment among the merchants, and legal steps have been taken to procure justice.

The Second Battalion of Volunteers have gone to the Vuelta Abajo region. The insurgents in the neighborhood of Santiago have burned the plantations of Corestina, Resolucion, Santa Maria and Doloritas. The Sabanilla plantation has been burned by insurgents from near Trinidad. Ten plantations in the vicinity of Cienfuegos have been burned since the 1st of November, including the Harmiguera plantation, belonging to POTVERT, of New-York. The civil Governor of Santiago issued a proclamation on the 12th inst., announcing the killing of 280 insurgents, and offering clemency to those who will immediately surrender to the Spanish authorities, but threatening to chastise all revolutionists captured. Captain-General DE RODAS has reduced the term of confinement of the prisoners at Cinco Villas one-fifth. He has also pardoned and liberated over two hundred prisoners, many of whom were committed for political offences. It is understood in Havana that a commission from the insurgent Government has arrived in Caracas for the purpose of inducing the Venezuelan Government to recognize the insurgents as belligerents, and to allow them to raise recruits for their army in Venezuela. The misery in Santiago, caused by cholera and smallpox, is increasing. General VALMASEDA has ordered that his salary be divided among the poor of Santiago.

A commission has been appointed to revise the duties on merchandise. The steamers *Rapidan*, for New-York, and *Washington*, for St. Nazaire, sailed to-day. The steamer *Yuzoo* sails tomorrow for Philadelphia.