

## Cuba.

The trial of the officers and crew of the Cuban privateer, which commences at Wilmington, N. C., to-day, it is believed by government officials, will result in their conviction and the confiscation of their vessel. The case is regarded by the Cabinet as a clear one against the Hornet, and this view is concurred in by the best lawyers in Washington. The conduct of Captain Higgins is a mystery to the Cubans, who say he had no reason for putting into Wilmington; his orders from the Junta were to seek Cuban waters without delay, and ample provision had been made to supply him with coal on the voyage. A precedent for the commander of the privateer is found in the case of Captain Semmes, of the Sumter, who, before the belligerency of the Southern States had been acknowledged by Spain, entered the port of Cienfuegos, Cuba, with his vessel and prizes, where he was received with great consideration by the authorities and allowed to coal and rest without interruption.