

THE CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.



Arrival of the Lillian Filibusters at Key West—Further Particulars of the Seizure and Sinking of the Steamer—Report to the Naval Department.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11, 1869.

The following was received at the Navy Department to-day:—

UNITED STATES STEAMER TUSCARORA,
KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 3, 1869.

SIR—I hasten to inform the department (the Admiral being absent in Havana, and the steamer for New York about to leave), that an English schooner arrived to-day from Nassau with 120 of the men of the steamer Lillian, which left Cedar Keys October 5. The steamer rounded Cuba, going East on the south side, but made no attempt to land the men. She then went into Nassau on the 6th inst., flying a Cuban flag, short of coal, having previously landed 150 men with two days provisions near Nassau. She made the attempt to coal some miles at sea the next day, but the coal schooners, of which there were two, were seized by the English gunboat Starling, which also fired into the steamer. The Lillian returned to Nassau and was taken possession of by the English authorities. She sank some twelve hours after and lies across the reef with her back broken—a wreck. These men left Nassau Friday, the 29th ult. These are all the particulars, as nearly as can be gathered from men belonging to the crew of the Lillian. Nearly all brought here are Cubana. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. W. QUEEN,
Commander and senior officer present.