

## THE CUBA AND HER OFFICERS.

**Commodore Higgins Obtains an Investigation by the Junta—The Allegations Against Him to be Refuted—Offensive Distinction Made Between Cubans and Americans.**

The attitude assumed by the officers of the Cuba, seized by the United States authorities at Wilmington, in regard to the imputations against their fidelity to the Cuban cause, has induced the Junta to investigate the circumstances attending the cruise and seizure of the vessel. This investigation is expected to be concluded in a few days, and, it is claimed, will fully exonerate Commodore Higgins and his officers from blame. The commander of the Cuba requested an inquiry to be made into the affair while in Wilmington, and in his official report to the Junta said:—

Having fully answered the official questions asked me, and given all the information upon the subject within my power, allow me to say, in conclusion, that myself and all the officers of the Cuba are deeply pained at our motives being so misunderstood. As brave men and honorable gentlemen they regret that the many slanderous notices going the rounds of the press impugning their honor and courage have not been contradicted by the representatives of the government in whose defence they have volunteered, and they expect and demand that a thorough investigation shall be made.

The officers of the Cuba believe that some members of the Junta have themselves made unfavorable insinuations against their official conduct at Wilmington, and claim that as Dr. Basora, the civilian Secretary of the Junta, arrived in Wilmington immediately after the seizure of the Cuba, received all communications from the Junta, and assumed to control the officers and crew, he, if any one, is responsible for any errors that may have been committed there. So far from being treacherous to the Cuban cause, the officers state that they refused to abandon the crew in Wilmington, as directed to do by Dr. Basora, but procured passage for the men to their proper destination, where it is represented they remain as faithful to their officers as when seized and anxiously awaiting an investigation.

It is also alleged by some of the officers that the agent of the Junta made an partial distinction in Wilmington between the few Cubans on board the Cuba and the Americans, and they expect to secure by this investigation not only a vindication of their conduct, but a guarantee for the equal consideration of Americans with Cubans in any future expeditions which may be fitted out.