

It is evident from our correspondence from Cuba that the revolutionary patriots are more determined and are exhibiting more vigor than the rest of the world gives them credit for. They are burning the sugar plantations, and even their own property, in order to weaken their enemies by cutting off the resources the Spaniards have been relying upon. This is touching the Spaniards in a tender place, for they have been calculating upon seizing the sugar crops and other productions for the means to carry on the war. In other words, they intended to slaughter the Cubans and to subjugate them if possible by using the wealth of these very Cubans for that purpose. Spain is too poor to carry on long such an exhaustive war as that in Cuba, unless she can draw resources from the island itself. The Cubans have wisely determined not to supply the means for the Spaniards to cut their throats with. This may seem a terrible alternative and a fearful destruction of valuable property, but it is the natural result of war, and to the Cubans may be the price of liberty. It may prove a merciful measure in the end, just as the terrible, destructive raid of Sherman's army through the Southern States led to the immediate closing of our civil war. The revolutionary government of Cuba, under Cespedes, is showing extraordinary vigor and determination.

We hear from Washington, too, that the administration is likely soon to take a decisive course with regard to Cuba. The remarkable naval movements in and to the West Indies, as well as other movements of the government, indicate this. But it is said the object is kept secret, and therefore it is not known on which side the government is going to act. There certainly is no necessity for a naval force to support Spain, nor for any action of the government whatever for that purpose, even should the government be so cruel and so far forget its duty to the cause of republican liberty and to the sentiment of the American people. Spain has been sustained too much and too long, in an indirect way, in its brutal war upon the Cubans. Any change that may be contemplated, therefore, must be in favor of Cuban independence. Nor have we any doubt that the President and Congress will soon act in accordance with public sentiment in this country, and throw the weight of the government on the side of republican liberty and the independence of Cuba.