

The President's Views on the Cuba Question.

Somebody or another gets off a story every little while and succeeds in having it sent over the wires to some prominent journal that President Grant is on the eve of according belligerent rights to Cuba. The same old story is again floating about here to-night, but you need not place the slightest reliance on it. The President and his Cabinet have not changed the views expressed by them some time ago, to wit, that the Cubans have not yet done enough to entitle them to belligerent rights, and it would be imprudent for the administration to take such an important step in any event before the meeting of Congress. When Congress reassembles if the present situation in Cuba remains unchanged it is probable the President will make no recommendations on the subject, and further that he will take no step in advance, except at the solemnly expressed wish of both houses of Congress.

Petition to Congress in Favor of Cuban Independence.

The following petition has been forwarded to Congress by the ladies of Maryland:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:—

We, women of the State of Maryland, in the name of civil and religious liberty and of Christian charity, respectfully petition that your honorable body do accord to struggling, suffering Cuba the right of a belligerent Power and at once recognize the independence of her long oppressed people from the tyranny of a foreign yoke, which independence they have for more than a year maintained, unaided, by the triumph of their arms.