

JAMAICA.

The La Have Case—Cuban Fugitives—Assembling of the Colonial Government.

KINGSTON, Ja., Dec. 2, 1869.

Since my last the suit of Captain Crowell, of the La Have, vs. The Governor and Others was tried on the 15th of November in the Court of Vice Admiralty, before the Chief Judge, who gave judgment pronouncing the seizure of the La Have an illegal act, as the vessel was brought by force into British waters. The amount of damages is laid at £25,000. An application was made to the Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty to grant a certificate of probable cause to the officers who seized the cargo of the La Have. After a long address by the Attorney General the Judge refused to grant the certificate, stating that he had not the power, nor would he if he had.

The town of Port Maria was thrown into a state of excitement on the 13th of November. Information having reached the inspector of that town that a party of Spaniards had landed at the Cove, a small fishing hamlet about three miles distant from Port Maria, with arms and other munitions of war, the inspector despatched a party of men to the spot, where they arrested an Irishman and seized sixty-nine packages of clothing, arms and ammunition. The Irishman stated that himself and nine others (including five Cubans) shipped in Kingston on board the brig Florence, bound for Cuba, but being out nine days they launched the longboat and got into it when about forty miles from Cuba. They pulled until within ten miles, when they spied a Spanish vessel-of-war, which gave them chase. They then put about and made sail for Jamaica, and brought up in the creek where they were discovered.

The Cubans held a meeting at their club in Kingston, for the purpose of petitioning the Governor to annul the seizure, but the result has not yet transpired.

The fourth session of the Legislature, under the new constitution, met in Spanish Town on the 18th of November. It has held two other sittings since. There has been nothing done that will give interest outside the island.