

CUBA.

Republican Incendiary Proclamation—Appeal to the Slave Population.

We have received the following copy of a patriotic appeal, which we translate for our readers, dated at Havana, December 10, 1869, from which it may be inferred that these inflammatory documents are to be generally distributed previous to that day:—

Carlo Manuel de Cespedes, President of the republic, has ordered that all Cubans faithful to the patriot cause and obedient to its government shall set fire to cornfields; and crops of tobacco, in order to drive off the enemy and thereby deprive them of all resources wherewith to carry on the war against us. All Cubans should respect and carry out the orders of their first magistrate, and it is necessary that the execution be speedily and punctually effected, so that the whole world may see that we are united and resolved to make the sacrifice. Persons will not be found wanting to denounce these measures, but such will only be those who are instigated by interest, egotism and treachery. Every Cuban (black or white—for we are all equals) has no obligation to account for his plans to any person, but merely to take a match, and in silence carry out the order of his government. All, without distinction of color, age or sex, can in this manner serve the cause of our country and liberty. Now is not the moment to think, nor to discuss what has to be done; the moment has now come in which to expel the Spaniard, and by adopting these measures the odious enemy will speedily disappear from our sight. Will people be wanting for the simple operation of applying a match to a cornfield? Where are then, the patriots? What are the freed mulattos doing, who ever were distinguished for their hatred to the barbarous Spaniard, and for the love they bear to their native soil? What are the plantation slaves doing, who should have already been set free, but who still suffer from hunger and the pangs of the lash, when a spark, cast in passing, among the canes will suffice to insure their liberty? No more fear. War to the Spaniard and viva Cuba! Fire and blood on all sides! Let us burn to-day and to-morrow we shall be free and Cubans! Viva the President! Viva Carlos Manuel!

THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.