

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS

Second Session.

SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1872.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the resolution of the Texas Legislature for the establishment of a postal telegraph.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN CUBA.

Mr. FURNES, (rep.) of Kan., introduced a joint resolution declaring that the conduct of the Spanish government in Cuba in its treatment of captured insurgents and of persons suspected of sympathy with the insurgents, in mutilating the dead and disregard of age, sex and condition, is cruel, inhuman and barbarous, and deserves the reprobation of the Christian world.

Mr. SUMNER suggested that if the Senator from Kansas purposed adducing evidence in support of this resolution it would be well to bring forward evidence on the other side. He was informed that several hundred Spaniards had been shot by the insurgents, as he understood, by order of General Quesada.

Mr. FURNES replied that evidence could be presented doing justice to both parties; and on his motion, the joint resolution was then laid on the table and ordered to be printed.