

General Banks' Cuban Resolution.

General Banks, on Friday last in the House of Representatives, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, submitted a joint resolution declaring the sympathy of the people of the United States with the people of Cuba in their patriotic efforts to secure independence and a republican government on the basis of equal rights, and declaring that "Congress will give its constitutional support to the President of the United States whenever he may deem it expedient to recognize the independence and sovereignty of such republican government." This resolution was recommitted and ordered to be printed, the immediate object being the encouragement of the revolutionary Cubans, a notification to Spain of what is coming and a hint to England and France to beware of entangling alliance in this business or disregard of the Monroe doctrine.

We think we may safely say to the Cuban revolutionists that this resolution of General Banks expresses the prevailing sentiment of the people of the United States, of the two Houses of Congress and of the administration, and that in all probability the Cubans will not have to wait very long before they have a recognition from our government of belligerent rights in behalf of the new republic. Let them get it into shape and show that they are holding their ground and are competent to hold it against all the forces of Spain on the island or likely to come there, and a recognition from the United States, like that graciously accorded Jeff Davis by Spain, England and France, will in very short order settle the question. We expect soon to hear that the Cubans are no longer fighting with old fashioned short-range muskets against the modern long-range weapons of the Spanish troops, and when, in the matter of arms, there is any approach to equality between the belligerents the war will be speedily finished in favor of the republic of Cuba. Meantime the friends of the cause hereabouts would do well to see to it that this resolution of General Banks is circulated through the island.