

John E. Huertas.

On Friday last this gentleman died suddenly on board the steamship Eagle, of which he was purser, aged forty-six years. Mr. Huertas was born on the Island of Cuba during the year 1823, of respectable parents, who, being in affluent circumstances, sent him to Europe, where he received a first class education. We believe he studied medicine for a time, but abandoned the idea of becoming a physician and returned to Cuba, where he established and edited a newspaper, either at Matanzas or Havana, we are not certain which place. An ardent advocate of Cuban independence, he became involved in the revolutionary movements of 1852 and was compelled to leave his native land. On deciding upon engaging in a seafaring life, Mr. Huertas obtained the position of purser of the steamship Havana, plying between this port and Havana, and subsequently was transferred to the steamship Eagle, of which he was purser at the time of his death. It is said that he was compelled to remain on board his steamer whenever she entered a Cuban port, he being liable to arrest the moment he landed. He was a most amiable, clever and kind-hearted gentleman, and was very popular with all who knew him. Of the large number of friends and acquaintances that Mr. Huertas leaves behind there is not one that will not feel a sincere regret on reading the announcement that he is no more.
