

Great Battle in Cuba.

Our Havana dates, through government sources, detail the results of a march of Spanish troops on Puerto Principe and a heavy conflict with four thousand patriots who disputed the road. The engagement was very severe; said to be the most important thus far that has taken place during the revolution. Under cover of a heavy artillery fire the Spanish columns moved on the patriot works and carried them at the point of the bayonet. The loss of the Spaniards is reported at one hundred and eleven killed and wounded, while that of the rebels is estimated at about one thousand.

It is advisable to await the reports from the patriot side, as we have been constantly deceived by the colonial government with reference to the revolution and its success. The fact that the revolutionists are already assembled in bodies of four thousand men and fighting pitched battles with the regular Spanish troops looks as if Spain had but little chance of holding the island much longer.

It is a very proper moment now for our government to act upon the Cuban question. The patriots are constantly gaining strength, and the war upon the part of Spain is gradually approaching one of vengeance, when nothing remains but to devastate, after the old Spanish fashion, and then retire from the scene of their plunderings and wholesale massacres.