

OUR FOLLY.—The administration supports in Cuba the rottenness of Spain this side the Atlantic, and this because it fears that by giving Cuba belligerent rights it will keep out the argument of England against us on the Alabama claims. What we ought to do is to give such rights to Cuba to show the European Powers that we accept their view of the law and to show them the application of the law. Give belligerent rights to Cuba and England will pay our claims and relinquish her argument.

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