

Secretary Fish yesterday was called upon by Señor Roberts, the Spanish Minister, who demanded that a proclamation discouraging filibustering expeditions from sailing to Cuba should be issued by the President. The Secretary promptly declined to do anything of the sort, and said that as there was a revolutionary organization in arms in Cuba, formed by the native Cubans under their own provisional government, he could see no good reason to hinder the departure of any persons from this country who may choose to take up arms in their service. Minister Roberts, it is said, withdrew very much surprised and afterwards submitted the same demand in writing.

In regard to the Mary Lowell affair Secretary Fish has concluded that the British government is liable to us for permitting her to be captured in British waters, and he has therefore made representations to that effect to the British Minister. As for the Lizzie Majors, however, several days ago he demanded full reparation and indemnity from the Spanish government through Señor Roberts, who conceded the justness of the claims and guaranteed that Spain would make satisfactory reparation. He promised to lay the matter before his home government immediately, but yesterday he informed the Secretary that he had not heard from the government since. The Secretary then diplomatically informed him that war would ensue if an answer was not forthcoming shortly.

The Secretary also told Minister Roberts that General Dulce's proclamation declaring that all vessels found in Cuban waters with arms on board shall be treated as pirates must be disavowed, whereupon the Minister, by direction of his home government, promptly disavowed it. The iron-clad fleet now fitting out, Mr. Fish told Minister Roberts, is intended for Cuban waters.

By the Cuban cable we learn that the insurgents are reported closely besieging Trinidad, and all communication with the town on the land side is said to be cut off. The rebels continue to burn plantations. A Nassau steamer has landed arms and ammunition for the insurgents at Puerto Sama.