

NASSAU.

Probabilities of a Cuban Expedition—Spanish Cruisers—Volunteers for Cuba.

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Since my last nothing of any importance has transpired. There is no prospect of any expedition leaving this island at present. There are many Cubans here who are very desirous of being in Cuba fighting with their comrades; but very likely their hopes will not be realized for some time. The Spanish vessels of war keep a very strict watch on all the Bahama islands.

The Nassau Herald of the 17th publishes a statement that on the 12th inst. a steamer was seen off Egg island in pursuit of a sailing vessel, when the steamer fired, which she did twice, and shortly after both vessels moved out of sight. There is no doubt that this steamer was a Spanish war steamer, after no good in our waters. Since the above occurrence a steamer (probably the same) has been in sight of this island for the last two days, with the intention, from all appearances, of capturing anything in the shape of a vessel that may pass that way.

Great excitement prevails here and at all the Bahamas against the Spaniards for the late insults offered to this people, and which the Spaniards seem to keep on.

The American brig Mary C. Mariner, which arrived at this port on the 15th inst. from New York, brought as passengers John Davenport, late colonel of the Eighteenth Wisconsin cavalry, and William M. Wilson, late lieutenant colonel of the Third Wisconsin mounted infantry. These two American officers have come to Nassau desirous of joining the Cuban patriots whenever they may start from this place to go to Cuba. By the Eagle, which will arrive here on the 26th, is expected another American officer—Richard Egan, first lieutenant and quartermaster of the Eighth New York cavalry.