

MARTIAL LAW IN CUBA.—Count Valmaseda, who commands the Spanish forces in the Eastern Department of Cuba, has issued an order containing three clauses which, for cruelty of intent and condensation of cruelty by expression, rivals any of the persecuting *pronunciamientos* ever published by his countrymen. It is decreed by the Count that native males over fifteen years old absent from home without cause shall be executed; any dwelling not displaying a white flag shall be burned; all women away from their homes shall be forced to report at certain headquarters. This is certainly a wretched system of rule for a republican government in Madrid. The Cubans must come into the Union and be free.