

PERU.

Recognition of the Cuban Patriots as a Belligerent Power.

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At the last moment, and while the steamer to carry this communication is almost sounding its parting whistle, your correspondent has learned from the Department of Foreign Affairs that the government of Peru has recognized the Cuban patriots as belligerents, and has decided to grant them all of the privileges attendant on that character. The example of Peru, I am credibly informed, will be immediately followed by the remainder of the allied republics of the Pacific, and Cuba may gain a sensible advantage by this action. Yet, when it is considered that Peru, with her allies, has officially consented to the proposition of the United States relative to a settlement of the pending question with Spain, her present step appears to be rather ill-advised, since it will prevent the intended conference and only augment the troubles which Ecuador, one of the allies, has always suffered from the continuance of the useless struggle. Peru, however, has, since the commencement of the Spanish difficulty, sent agents to Cuba for the purpose of fomenting the trouble which has at last broken out, and now thinks proper to back up her former action by more vigorous measures. It will of course be apparent that Peru cannot assist the patriots materially by her recognition, but it opens the way to others, and will, it is hoped, aid the efforts of the noble Cespedes, with his supporters, to gain the end they so richly deserve. Your correspondent, owing to the want of time, has been unable to ascertain the drift of public opinion here on the subject; but from the few opportunities he has had to learn the current of popular feeling believes that the masses will heartily endorse the executive action.