

# THE RECENT ARRESTS OF ALLEGED CUBAN SYMPATHIZERS.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Notwithstanding all that has been said about the venality and villainy of our officials, and not only said but proven in many instances, the rudeness and brutality exhibited by them on Wednesday in the arrest of several Cuban gentlemen, exiled in this city, surpasses anything recently enacted. Without ever having established, beyond controversy, that an expedition has left this port with hostile designs against Spain; without proof that any attempt of that character is to be made in future, and in the face of a resolution of sympathy for the struggling patriots in Cuba, passed by the United States Congress, endorsed, unmistakably, by the sentiment of the whole country, these officers of the law, worked upon by the vague suspicion of some hired Spanish spies, have authorized and executed the arrest of several highly respectable gentlemen, and that too at an hour of the day when bail could not be received, in order to gratify the malice of their enemies by compelling them to pass a night within walls erected to confine felons. From the manner of arrest of Colonel Ryan on Broadway, to the extravagant rudeness offered at the residence of Mr. Mora, the action of the officers was not only most unsatisfactory, but positively insolent. Will any one contend that the United States Marshal had right to seize private papers on the person of Mrs. Mora? The act was altogether unwarrantable, and the whole affair reveals the fact that men were selected to make these arrests who were known to be incapable of performing their functions without acrimony and insult, and most probably incited thereto by Spanish gold. Every account from Cuba adds fresh horrors to the crimes of the Spanish government, every mail brings new enormities, heaped up to crush out the spirit of liberty, but at the same time gives fresh evidence of a determination in that spirit to conquer. The island is by all nations admitted to be in a state of revolution at least. Large supplies of munitions are shipped from and a navy is building in the United States for the prosecution of war there. If the neutrality of our government is intact in the face of these facts, surely it would not be broken should its vigilance be relaxed to allow a few men desirous of taking up arms (if there were any such) with the revolutionary forces to slip out of port for that purpose. Taking in consideration the climate of Cuba, the season of the year and the inevitable hardships to be endured, it is hardly to be supposed that any one is to be found so desperate as to wish to leave this latitude for camp life amid the jungles of the tropics in mid-summer. Possibly in the fall men might be recruited for that purpose, but not now.

The disagreeable and disgraceful business of arresting refugees who sought shelter on our shore is due to the influence of the Bohemian press, ever ready to trump up something that will introduce the name of their insignificant sheet. No matter how silly, no matter how derogatory to public interest, if only sensational no matter how false, down it goes in printers' ink, and, but for the existence of a few outspoken papers like the HERALD, would do immense damage to all that exercises their peculiar talent. The writer has not interest to the amount of one single dollar in Cuba or anything connected with it, but such gross illiberality as displayed in this outrage should call forth not only public expression from individuals, but should be marked by an indignation meeting on the part of our CITIZENS.