

CUBA.

LETTER FROM GENERAL QUESADA.

The Sisterhood of American States—Belligerent, Rights and Privateer Cruisers.

MY DEAR COMMODORE ———:—Excuse these few hasty lines from the field of battle. I have had a sanguinary fight with our bitter enemies, almost three to one; but, thanks be to the Supreme Director that has sustained the weak arm of liberty against our tyrannical foe, Spain, we were victorious. The fight was a bloody one; but the brave hearts of free men, although opposed by three times their number, have been conquerors in the cause of freedom and liberty. Let the world know that Cuba must and will be free. Let the people of the United States also know that Cuba is part of the sisterhood of the Continent of America, and we ask only national rights of each other. Give us that aid which is so lavishly bestowed on Spain, and the tricolor flag of the republic of Cuba will float over the whole island.

We ask only, as a republican government, that our belligerent rights be acknowledged by the United States government, and then you, my friend, will be able by the power you hold to place yourself in command of a Cuban fleet, and doubtless you will soon sweep the broad Atlantic of the wild foe that we are now contending against. Get our privateers ready, and before many days have elapsed and with the aid of the Almighty Power, the sea will swarm with them. Remember me to * * *. Yours, as ever,

M. QUESADA.

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