

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

Proposed Important Intervention of the Merchants in the Custom House—Official Account of the Banes Expedition.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, May 20, 1862.

La Bandera Española contains the official account from the commandant of Mayari, dated 17th, of the "landing of 700 filibusters at Banes, on the beach of Ramon, in the bay of Nipe, enlisted by the insurgent Junta in New York. Said commandant sent Captain Mozo Viejo, with 120 men of that garrison, to the attack. The enemy, parapetted in three buildings, was attacked at the point of the bayonet. They were dislodged from one of the buildings, when the troops fell back and the rebels retook seven splendid cannons, three banners (embroidered by ladies of Havana), some needle guns, &c. Owing to their numerical superiority the filibusters in the other two houses resisted the attack four hours, pouring a deadly fire all the time on our troops, whose munitions having become exhausted, they retired in great order, without being in the least hostilized by the enemy. His loss, beside the killed, was 160 wounded, while the troops only had four killed and sixteen wounded."

Orders were given to General Baceta to march immediately with his column to Mayari.

The detachment of mobilized volunteers stationed on the Dolorita coffee plantation having been hostilized, the commandant sent a force of sixty regulars and volunteers under Lieutenant Vazquez, who dislodged and dispersed the rebels. These had their principal encampment on the coffee estate Delicias, and, after three successive encounters, they were also dislodged from this, with the loss of fifteen killed and many wounded, a number of horses and a quantity of arms, besides their correspondence.

The great expenditures of the administration cannot be covered, which has never before been the case here, even when the production has been of less magnitude than that of recent years. The commission recently appointed by the merchants openly report that the revenue does not enter the public treasury, in consequence of the immorality of the Custom House functionaries. The petition of the merchants to the Governor has had all due attention, but he, of course, had the matter referred to General Duice, who will promptly decide whether they are to have any intervention in the fiscal reforms so loudly demanded, and if not the home government will have to do so.