

## **Departure and Return of a Filibustering Party.**

The hermaphrodite brig *Ala Eldred* cleared from this port on the evening of the 23d of June last for Jamaica, in ballast. The ballast is said to have consisted of one 100-pounder Parrott gun, two 40-pounders, seven five-inch Dahlgrens and forty small field pieces, with a quantity of small arms and ammunition. Previous to sailing 120 men, under command of Captains Ackerman and Harrison, were taken on board, and the vessel sailed for Cuba. The brig reached Brazos, a small town about 300 miles east of Havana, after a run of five days and seven hours, and was towed by mules about twenty-two miles up a river, where she discharged her "ballast" and passengers.

Cholera had just then broken out in the camp of the patriots, and in consequence the recruits refused to enlist in the Cuban ranks, even after they had been offered a bounty of \$1,000 in gold per head, preferring to wait until the termination of the sickly season.

On the second day after their arrival it is reported the Spaniards marched upon Hernandez and posted themselves on the adjacent heights; but the American recruits, under Lieutenant Clancy, drove them from their position. After this feat the recruits re-embarked and sailed for this port, arriving on Saturday, with the loss of but two men, named Walsh and Miller, of Petersburg, Va., who died of cholera at sea.