

RESTORATION OF THE FLAG.

A Cuban Lady Patriot Demands Her Country's Flag—Interesting Correspondence.

*The following spicy correspondence has recently passed between United States Marshal Barlow and a lady prominently identified with the Cuban cause:—

General F. C. BARLOW, 41 Chambers street, New York:—

DEAR SIR—Please excuse a Cuban lady who, in her sad disappointment, troubles you with these few lines. I have been told that in your last raid on the Cuban expeditionists you captured a silk flag of "Free Cuba," which I entrusted to the care of one of my countrymen on his way to my native land. He promised me to take my flag there and safely put it into the hands of the patriots who are fighting for liberty. But you would not allow him to proceed, and my dear flag, instead of going to Cuba, remains in your hands, stowed away in one of the trunks of the Cuban passengers.

Do you think this right? No, I should think very wrong on your part if, after all, you conclude to keep my flag. I tell you that the first flag I made for President Cespedes on the 1st of January last never reached its destination. My flag No. 2, according to the Spaniards' account, was captured by them down in the Bay of Nipe, Cuba, some time in May, and it happens that now, here in the harbor of New York, you have captured my flag No. 3. Shame!

Being a sort of savage people, the Spanish volunteers at Havana, it would be useless for me to ask them to give me back my flag No. 2; but I have a right to expect that it will be different with you, since you are a gentleman, a republican and a United States marshal. Besides, you cannot refuse the request of a lady.

I hope, then, that you will not consider my flag as a contraband of war, and be kind enough to look for it among the luggage of the would-be expeditionists, and have it returned to me at your earliest opportunity. You will easily find it, inasmuch as the flag is made of the richest silk, bears my name in full alongside of the red triangle, and has this lettering, all embroidered in silk, "Casadores de Hatney." Very respectfully yours,

EMILIA C. DE VILLAYERDE.

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MY DEAR MADAME—The flag of which you write was among the baggage of General Golcouria, and has been detained only because the prosecuting officer of the United States thought it might be needed as evidence in the case. Now that the examination of General Golcouria is over I shall return the flag to him with the rest of his baggage, or I shall be very happy to hand it to you if you write and get the General's consent. Very respectfully,

FRANCIS C. BARLOW, United States Marshal.
MRS. EMILIA C. DE VILLAYERDE.