

# THE CUBAN FILIBUSTERS AGAIN.

## The Rendezvous at Gardiner's Island.

## The Marshal Orders His Men to Disperse Them.

Marshal Barlow and his deputies are still in full haïloo after Cuban and all other kind of filibusters. Those meditating a descent on the shores of the Ever Faithful Isle are the object of special and loving attention. Hardly a musket can be bought for the cause of Cuban independence to-day without its being known to the detectives. New York in fact is the worst base that can at present be selected for filibustering designs. Philadelphia, Boston, anywhere but here, would appear to be more favorable ground. Tuesday evening last Marshal Barlow despatched Deputy Marshals Greig, Christy and Winslow on board of the revenue cutter Mahoning, Captain Webster, with twelve marines from the Navy Yard, to Gardiner's Island, with instructions to disperse the filibusters who were there. On their arrival they found about 200 men in camp, among whom, on the advent of the cutter, great and instant commotion spread. The sight of an approaching steamer drew all men to the beach, and wild and various were the speculations framed as to her character and business. A good many were sanguine enough to believe that the long looked for transport ship to take them to Cuba and out of the way had at length put in an appearance. The Mahoning cast anchor within half a mile of the shore and immediately despatched three boatloads of marines towards the camp of the filibusters. The latter fell back in an orderly manner to the woods on discovering the character of their visitors, but the officers of the camp stood their ground to tender a civil and cordial reception to the approaching strangers. Captain Webster, thirteen marines and the three deputy marshals jumped at once ashore when the boats drew up, and then proceeded towards the camp in search of Colonel Ryan and Lieutenant Colonel Currier. Captain Webster, who had his little son along, entered into free and pleasant conversation with the poor toll-worn patriots. The men of his command were equally anxious to show their good will towards the cause of Cuba. The Marshal's deputies, however, according to one who was present, put on a great many consequential airs, going about among the men expounding the law and dealing out denunciation without stint or measure on the heads of the struggling band. Not finding the two colonels in the camp the deputies, securing the escort of Captain Webster's marines proceeded to the house of Colonel Gardiner to seek further information. One of the deputies, Greig, it is alleged, threatened Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner with ejection, arrest and trial for harboring filibusters, and was otherwise arbitrary and boisterous in his demeanor. Thursday morning the men of the Cuban command were called into line to decide whether to accept the offer of the Marshal of free passage away from the island, with subsistence and exemption from all legal proceedings in consequence of their supposed breach of the law. Only ten men embraced the boon, and they, it seems, were persons who had rendered themselves offensive to their associates, had been tossed in blankets for disorderly conduct, and would have fared not as Dives fared had they been anywhere else. When the business between the camp and the steamer was ended, and over Colonel Ryan emerged from his retreat, marched the men down to the shore and made the hills resound with cheers for the Cuban cause.

In the meantime one of the deputies telegraphed to the Marshal for instructions, at the same time explaining the condition of affairs. The latter immediately sent a reinforcement in the shape of thirty-eight marines on board the tugboat Rockett, which left the Navy Yard Thursday night. The Marshal avows no other earthly harm towards the unfortunate filibusters, whose zeal and devotion have already passed the trying crucible of defeat and starvation, than to disperse them as a gathering and relieve the government from a standing menace against the violability of its neutrality laws. The Marshal and District Attorney Pierrepont have each been furnished with a copy of the following instructions from the President, through Secretary Fish:—

The authority to call out the land and naval forces, if necessary, to suppress filibustering, was conferred on the District Attorney and the Marshal jointly and severally to be exercised by either of them.

After reciting the eighth section of the Neutrality act, it provides that "whereas in order to the execution of the prohibition and penalties of the said act and for the purpose of preventing the carrying on of any such expeditions or enterprises from the territory of the United States against any nation with which the United States are at peace, it is necessary to employ some person thereto as provided for in the eighth section of said act. Now, therefore, know ye that reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, prudence and ability of Edwards Pierrepont, District Attorney of the United States for the Southern district of New York, and of Francis C. Barlow, Marshal of the United States for the said Southern district, or each and either of them, I do hereby, in the exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by the said act and of such other power and authority as I may have in the premises, authorize and empower the said Edwards Pierrepont and the said Francis C. Barlow and each and either of them to employ such part of the land or naval forces of the United States or of the militia thereof as shall be necessary for that purpose in order to the execution of the prohibition and penalties of the said act, and for the purpose of preventing the carrying on of any such expedition or enterprise."

Instructions will probably be sent to General McDowell, who is at present out of town, directing him to honor any draft for assistance made upon him by the Marshal or District Attorney.

Rumors were afloat yesterday afternoon that a collision between the marines and the filibusters was inevitable, but this is very unlikely, unless the latter have become totally demented from their Robinson Crusoe mode of existence and their many cruel disappointments. The Rockett failed to put in an appearance at the Navy Yard last evening, but she is expected some time to-day. There are no marines off duty in the yard at present.