

NEUTRALITY ON THE CUBAN QUESTION.—

The administration is enforcing the neutrality laws in reference to Cuba with an energetic fidelity which is in striking contrast with English and French and Spanish precedents. We can only infer that the special objects in view are a clean record against England on the Alabama claims and a fair opening for a decisive settlement of the Cuban question through the agency of General Sickles at Madrid. The country will await the development of the Cuban programme of General Grant with the deepest interest. It is surely the policy of Spain to sell while she has a chance, and it may be our wisest course to buy without further delay, even if by waiting the island will come to us without cost.