

MANZANILLO.

Official Reports of Encounters—The Rebels
Ever Beaten, ~ but Never Exterminated.

MANZANILLO, July 18, 1862.

Several official communications have appeared in
El Folio, the newspaper of this city.

They also mention the rebels under

date of the 23d:—The united forces of detachments from the Bailen, Cuba, Habana, España and Antigua regulars, and a section of cavalry, marched on the 3d for Mercedes, eighteen miles from the Jibacoa camp, reconnoitering the farms Punto Nuevo, where General Molesto Diaz, with 300 men, had encamped the previous night; on arriving at Nagua found it destroyed and uninhabited. In Sambumbia captured the chiefs Torres, armed, father and son; had them shot, with two followers, and took under our protection more than 100 men, women and children. Next morning marched for Chorroa, Lajas and Pural; found a few rebels carrying provisions to their Juawa camp; had four shot; the rest escaped, though wounded.

Lieutenant Commandant Vicente Rios reports from his camp at Gua, under date of the 23d:—Having learned that several bands under Frias, Tito Cavar, Matamoros, Anglada, Cancino and Quesada were at Chivos and Agt, I ordered my forces to march at daybreak thus:—Sixteen contra-guerrillas under Elizaga, an equal number under Manzanelo, and twenty horsemen at my own command for the former point, and ten contra guerrilla for the latter, leaving the rest of my forces for the protection of the many families taken charge of previously. The result of the attack was that we captured twelve of Matamoros' party, and the rest were dispersed, with the exception of eighteen dead left on the field. Immediately we attacked the four camps, and destroyed all that was found in them.

The same officer writes on the 10th:—After a platoon I ordered the guerrillas to scour the Cuyo woods and gather the families requiring our protection. We encountered the enemy on the top of a hill, whence he opened fire, which was quickly answered, and on my shouting to my men, "At them," they all fell in precipitation. Here, also, we found a number of families unprotected and took them along, burning the huts. We returned this afternoon at three o'clock. The volunteers of Jibara captured the insurgent chieftain, Pedro Cordero, and his comrade, Jose Vila, and I had them both shot.

A column commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Vicente Villares, which left on the night of the 11th, on board the war schooner Huelya, arrived at this port. The volunteers of Vicana and Media Luna were formed to receive the troops, ready to accompany them in pursuit of the so called Colonel Ludio and his party, who were erranting in the swamps and mud hills of Sierra Maestra.