

The Proposed Purchase of Cuba.

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The predictions first given to the public in these despatches some weeks ago, as to the purposes of the administration relative to the purchase of Cuba, have been generally verified by occurrences since and have been corroborated by droppings from time to time in journals having the confidence of the President. Your correspondent has repeated that our Minister (Sickles) had been instructed to endeavor to settle the difficulty between Spain and Cuba, and a purchase of the island from Spain in some form or other was suggested as the best solution of the complication that might ensue with England on the Alabama claims matter should our government by any other mode endeavor to assist Cuba in gaining her independence, &c. From the same high source of information I learn to-night that the suggestions of the President and Secretary Fish have been promptly put in form by Sickles; that the effort has thus far proved abortive, and seemed at one time to be at an end; but new propositions have been made recently by telegram during the late absence of the President and Mr. Fish from this city, and on Tuesday last Sickles was again requested to obtain a final answer from the Spanish administration, as critical matters were transpiring here requiring immediate action. From the same source it is learned that a privateer, a somewhat formidable vessel, left a Northern port of the United States within a few hours, destined for the service of the Cuban insurgents.