Paris. August 23, 1809. La France save:-- However painful it may be for Spain to accept the suggested solution of the Cuban difficulty there is no other plan possible. It is the only way for Spain to save some fragments of the wreck. The value and duration of Cuban independence under the protection of America is another question. The desire to absorb which characterizes the Americans qualifies them very badly to perform

the part of a platonic protectorate. It is very probable that behind the compromise they are trying to bring about lies a second edition of the history of

Spain, Caba and the United States.