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**Scarcity of Provisions in Puerto Principe—  
Outrages by Volunteers—Fighting in General  
Jordan's Department—Foraging Party Cap-  
tured—A Decisive Engagement Imminent.**

WASHINGTON, August 5, 1869.

Advices from Cubans to their friends in this city to the 26th ult. state that General Quesada still has control of communication between the coast and Puerto Principe; that the inhabitants of that city are completely at the mercy of the volunteer soldiery, who are committing every description of outrage in the city and the country adjacent. It is now almost impossible to obtain supplies, and the suffering of the people is represented as very great. Fighting is reported at several points in General Jordan's department, where the Spanish troops have been reinforced by two regiments of volunteers and a battalion of regulars from Havana.

Near Santiago de Cuba the Cubans were attacked by a superior force of Spaniards and at first were driven from their position with some loss; but they were rallied, and, reinforced by troops from General Figueros' command, regained their position and compelled the Spanish troops to retire.

It is reported that a small foraging party of Cubans were captured near Remedios and another near Sagua la Grande. The number of Cubans thus captured was eighty, and it is feared they were immediately executed.

The Cuban troops, it is reported, continue to be free from disease and in excellent spirits. The commanders are moving to take advantage of the present demoralized condition of the Spanish forces.

The letters containing the above information state that in twenty days decisive action will be taken in the Eastern Department, which will give the Cubans control of that portion of the island.

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