

WASHINGTON, August 5, 1862.

Failure of Negotiations for the Settlement of the Cuban Difficulty.

The State Department up till to-day had not received the protest against the proposition to purchase Cuba, said to have been forwarded by the Cuban Junta from New York. It is already understood in official circles that the Spanish government is unfriendly to the movement, and this of itself would probably put an end to it; but the fact that Spain refuses to sell, and that the Cubans are unwilling to buy, seems to put this mode of settling the Cuban difficulty entirely out of the question.

The Quarrel Among the Washington Radicals—Another Blast From the Negro-Councilman.

Councilman G. W. Hatton (colored) and Councilman James Holmes (white) of the Washington Council, are out in another long-winded letter in regard to the shabby treatment of the former by Mayor Bowen and other members of the Washington municipal delegation on the occasion of the recent ceremonies at Gettysburg. Hatton is very severe upon Mayor Bowen in this second letter, accusing him of a deliberate intention to insult the colored race in his (Hatton's) person. In one part Hatton thus alludes to the reply of Bowen:—

In the second paragraph of their statement they say that both Mr. Holmes and myself on our return expressed ourselves as "delighted with the trip, the more so that the principle that a man should not be degraded because of being black had been triumphantly vindicated." I admit that we did rejoice; and we will continue to rejoice, and labor too, until the last vestige of this cursed prejudice on account of color shall have been forgotten and every man, let him be white or black, Fardou or Chase, Bowen or Davis, who would fly the track if permitted when this principle is at stake shall have been numbered with the things of the past.

In another part he uses the following language in regard to Bowen & Co.:—

What I charge them with at Gettysburg is, that not one of them said, nor will they pretend to state that they said to the proprietor of the hotel, "This man is here, as we are, an invited guest—a member of the same Board, elected by the same people that elected us, and he shall fare as we fare." Concerning the statement that I asked the Mayor for six dollars, I say that it is an assertion unbecoming to his honor, if, indeed, such an assertion is unbecoming to his dignity. I will further state that there was no set time for breakfast, unless it was the time when Mr. Holmes and myself were absent at the spring; and if so the time was set during that absence that we might not know it. As to the Mayor saluting me in the usual manner when he met me in the morning, I admit that he did salute me, but how? His head dropped as though he had been dealt a heavy blow on the back of the neck with an old fashioned battering ram, and I believe it was his intention, judging from his manner and the steps he was making, to leave me standing in the passage. The six men who subscribe to the reply to my former letter are very particular in describing the scene between the Mayor and myself in the passage and in relating the conversation that occurred then and there, and call my statement of the same occurrence a "most malignant untruth." According to their own story they were not present and could know nothing of the matter.

Hatton winds up his attack thus:—

The magnanimous gentlemen ask "if I was cruelly treated why I did not complain to them?" I answer by saying that there was a man at one time who lived in this world and who was very wicked, and after his death 'tis said he went to torment, and, finding things did not suit him precisely, he asked one, "where is the boss?" and he was pointed to the devil, but declined applying to him for redress, saying, "tis no use. I have tried that fellow several times and he is the devil, no matter where or when I see him." And the gentlemen ask why it was not indicated before I left Gettysburg that I had been insulted by asking them? Who had I to complain to, when all except Mr. Holmes persuaded me to stay according to the arrangements they had made with the proprietor of the hotel, viz., have a nice room, have access to the parlor, but eat in the kitchen with the cook? I have, perhaps, said too much already, but thank God the time is not far distant when these men will be called upon to give to their constituents an account of their statesmanship, and if I should live I will be able to stand at the ballot box and listen with joy to the sentence that will be passed upon them by the loyal people of our city, namely, "Depart, ye that have betrayed the trust that we have confided in you, to your everlasting homes of forgetfulness."