

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE CHURCH BILL—IMPORTANT MOTION BY EARL SHAFTESBURY.

LONDON, Tuesday, June 22, 1869.

In the House of Lords this evening the Earl of Shaftesbury gave notice of an amendment to the bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church to the following effect: "That the surplus Church property shall be a fund from which to grant loans to the Irish peasantry."

BRITISH OPINION ON THE ARREST OF THE CUBAN JUNTA.

The Star to-day praises the United States Government for its consistency in taking measures to prevent the departure of filibustering parties for Cuba. It says the sanction by the Attorney-General of the arrest of the Cuban insurgent Junta in New-York is satisfactory. The more vigorously the neutrality laws are enforced at the outset, the more easily will the public mind be led in the right direction. Sympathy for a nation struggling for freedom is natural to Americans as well as to Englishmen; but the sooner the people are reminded that a neutral country has duties incompatible with the sending out of privateers and warlike expedition the better. Neutrality is not likely to exist unless the laws as they now stand are enforced. And when the laws are in sufficient they ought to be amended. English lawyers and statesmen may, to their own advantage and instruction, watch the result of the proceedings instituted in the United States, for the American statute dealing with the subject is almost identical with the English law. The case will form a precedent of policy worthy of consideration and imitation.