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### **Meeting of Prominent Slave Owners—A Committee Appointed to Consider the Question of Emancipation—Election of Deputies for the Spanish Cortes Ordered—Army Changes.**

HAVANA, July 12, 1870.

A meeting of the prominent slave owners of the western section of Cuba was held at the Captain General's palace yesterday. Captain General de Rodas was chosen President. After a discussion of the subject of the abolition of slavery in Cuba a committee composed of twenty-five of those present was appointed to consider the matter and report at the earliest date possible the most feasible and liberal plan for the abolition of slavery throughout the island; said committee to initiate the movement by immediately carrying out the provisions of the plan adopted. After the completion of the plan it will be presented to the Spanish Cortes for approval. The meeting was very harmonious, all being unanimous in the belief that slavery must be abolished, and accepting the measure as patriotic and in accordance with the spirit of the century.

Captain General de Rodas, acting in concert with the government of Spain, has ordered an election for Deputies to represent the island of Cuba in the Spanish Cortes. It is expected that the election will take place before the end of August.

The Cubans in the District of Camaguey, who were recently in rebellion against the Spanish authorities, and have returned to their allegiance, are now working on their plantations. Arms have been given them by the government, and they are now organizing for self-protection against the insurgents or any roving bands that may appear in that section.

General Goyeneche has relieved General Portillo of the command of the Ciego Villas district.

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### **Illness of Consul Biddle—Condition of the Cuban Markets.**

HAVANA, July 12, 1870.

United States Consul Biddle is quite ill with an attack of yellow fever.

All the Cuban markets are greatly unsettled in consequence of the disturbed condition of affairs in Europe.