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The Northern Mail came through yesterday with the latest dates.

THINGS IN WASHINGTON.

The Cuban Question.

It is stated with considerable confidence by the Washington letter writers, that Mr. Slidell has for the present abandoned his proposition to notify Great Britain of the termination of the treaty stipulation to hoist a preventive flag on the African Slave Coast. He is believed to press the matter upon the Senate, on the ground of the lateness of the session, and the want of sufficient time to argue the various questions arising out of it. If the subject were urged now, it would assuredly be rejected. There is nothing in regard to that peculiarly American project of suspending the neutrality laws with Spain. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and there it seems to have been submerged in profound oblivion. We take it that the Committee found the resolution too extraordinary even for loco foco digestion, and concluded to let it die a natural death, rather than subject it to certain strangulations in the Senate.

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From that time it is thought that the Administration has desired to have another war message, but no opportunity has offered until recently, when incidents in Spain opened upon the scene an easy acquisition of Cuba, by purchase, seizure, or redress of grievances.

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