

Old Ironsides off' Cuba.

From the N. O. Evening Delta, May 18.

The ship *Ottomoca*, Captain HOWES, which arrived yesterday from Bordeaux, spoke the United States Frigate *Constitution*, Commodore MAYO, off the Island of Cuba. We are indebted to the Captain for the following letter and list of passengers. The whole country will applaud the promptitude of the gallant Commodore, and at the same time lament the very natural error into which his patriotism and zeal have led him in regard to the purposes of the Administration :

U. S. SHIP CONSTITUTION, SOUTH SIDE }
OF CUBA, May 8, 1855. }

On the 23d ultimo, we were within 100 days sail of our port of destination, Portsmouth, N. H., (after serving more than a two years' cruise on the coast of Africa,) when we boarded an American, four days from the Delaware. She informed us that the United States Government were sending as many of our ships-of-war to Cuba as could be manned, and the papers received from our countrymen induced the Commodore, (MAYO,) to give the order to put the helm up, and make all sail for Cuba ; that our presence was required there, remarking at the same time, that he called no council of war ; she asked no opinion or advice of any officer ; that he alone was responsible for his movements. And here we are, within four days' sail of Havana, where Com. MAYO will offer the services of " Old Ironsides " to Com. McCAULEY.

We know it was trying to Commodore MAYO to disappoint the officers and men of the *Constitution* from meeting their wives and families, but he said our duty to our country is our first consideration. Our Commodore is a prudent officer, but woe to the Spanish cruiser who offers any indignities to our flag in his presence.

If our presence is not required at Havana, we may speedily be expected at home.

E. C.,
Commodore's Clerk.

LIST OF OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE UNITED STATES FRIGATE CONSTITUTION.—Commodore—Isaac Mayo. Commauder—John Rudd. Lieutenants—S. F. Hazard, B. M. Dove, Samuel Larkin, Wm. R. Gardner, C. R. P. Rodgers, A. G. Olary. Fleet Surgeon—M. G. Delancy. Purser—J. H. Watmough. Brevet Major Marine Corps—N. S. Waldron. Passed Assistant Surgeon—J. L. Burt. Assistant Surgeon—J. C. Coleman. Acting Master—Colville Terrett. Commodore's Secretary—Llewellyn Boyle. Commodore's Clerk—Edward Cobb. Captain's Clerk—Wm. L. Swayze. Purser's Clerk—Richard Reardon. Midshipmen—Wm. L. Bradford, Wm. H. Dana, Aeneas Armstrong. Acting Boatswain—E. Chamberlain. Gunner—A. S. Lewis. Carpenter—Lewis Holmes. Sailmaker—Wm. Bennett. Boatswain—T. C. Berry, (supernumerary.) Acting Master's Mate—W. S. Howard.