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**ANTONIO MACEO.**

"She wore no funeral weeds for thee,  
Nor bade the dark hearse wave its  
plume

Liket orn branch from Death's leafless  
tree,

In hollow pomp and pageantry—  
The heartless luxury of the tomb."

The gallant leader of the patriot  
forces in Cuba, against Spanish op-  
pression, cruelty and outrage, has  
at last fallen a victim to Spanish  
treachery. Dr. Zertucha, his head  
surgeon, agreeing with Col. Ahu-  
mada, to hand him over for a sum  
of money and protection for his  
own miserable carcass. The foul  
plot was only too successful, and  
under cover of a flag of truce, and  
with the understanding that the  
Spanish commander in Pinar del  
Rio, General Cirujeda wished to  
treat with him on the basis of Cuban  
independence, he was lured into  
the net and he and his faithful fol-  
lowers slain by a force of ambush-  
ed Spaniards, the only one escap-  
ing being the traitor Zertucha.  
Francisco Gomez, his lieutenant,  
and son of General Gomez, the  
other Cuban leader, being wound-  
ed, committed suicide, rather than  
leave the body of his leader or fall  
into the hands of the Spaniards.  
This diabolical plot, worthy only  
of men or nations lost to all sense

of principle and humanity, should  
excite the indignation and the in-  
tervention of all nations calling  
themselves human or Christian.  
They are unworthy of the name if  
they fail to respond. But Maceo's  
assassination will not end the  
struggle, which will be bravely  
kept up until the glorious boon of  
freedom is won by the Cubans, or  
the island reduced to a desolate  
waste, without shelter or food for  
man or beast. Better, far better to  
die in the cause of liberty than to  
live in chains and slavery. Wheth-  
er or not the President appends his  
signature to the Cameron resolu-  
tions, men and money will be forth-  
coming in the cause of Cuban in-  
dependence. And if the law steps  
in to prevent men and arms and  
ammunition from reaching the  
Cubans the authorities will have to  
look out for their own safety, as  
an indignant and maddened people  
can strike down as well their own  
authorities, and blow up as easily  
the ships of their own government  
if enlisted in the service of Spain.

How dwarfed beside this noble  
leader for freedom and humanity  
are the sleek officials who have  
done nothing for the people but  
draw from them big salaries, and  
to whom we are expected to ren-  
der the honors of demigods. His  
name will survive when they are  
all forgotten, and the children of  
enfranchised Cuban mothers shall  
be hushed to sleep by songs of his  
goodness and daring, for his is  
"One of the few, the immortal names  
That were not born to die."

**STATE FUNERALS.**

"The boast of heraldry the pomp of  
power

And all that beauty all that wealth  
e'er gave

Await alike the inevitable hour :—

The paths of glory lead but to the  
grave.

Can storied urn or animated bust

Back to its mansion call the fleeting  
breath?

Can Honor's voice provoke the silent  
trust,

Or Flattery sooth the dull cold ear  
of Death?"

—GRAY'S ELIGY.

The Chatham World, one of the  
few papers in the Province which  
has opinions of its own and the  
courage to express them, draws at-  
tention to what it terms a specta-  
cular display in the state funeral  
given to the late Governor Fraser,  
and condemns it as not only not being  
in accordance with the wishes or  
means of the people, or warranted  
by any services or sacrifices done  
in life by the subject of such spec-  
ial and extraordinary honors, to  
his country; and rather detract-

ing from the solemnity of such a  
sad occasion. Their friends are  
supposed to follow in sorrow a  
friend or relative to his last resting  
place instead of hired bands in  
mock mournful procession and  
gaping crowds standing at the  
street corners attracted by the  
pomp and parade—the travesty  
of mourning or affection. We thor-  
oughly agree with the editor's  
views. While the late Governor  
was all that was suave, gen-  
tlemanly and eminently respectable  
he could not be considered by any  
means a public benefactor or to  
have ever done anything for the  
country to call out the general  
sorrow of the people and it would  
have been much more honest for  
those only who really and truly  
felt his loss to have attended to  
his obsequies and the rest to have  
remained at home. This would  
have been accomplished by a plain  
funeral, divested of all military  
pomp and display—far more fitting  
and solemn for any gentleman and  
much more soothing and consoling  
to his immediate relatives. We  
cannot think that pride would get  
the better of affection in such sad  
cases or that Mrs. Fraser wished  
the unfeeling and grand parade  
made over the remains of him she  
loved.

But the Provincial Government  
took the whole thing into their  
own hands, and without as much  
as saying "by your leave" to the  
overburdened taxpayers of a prac-  
tically bankrupt province "piled  
on the agony" to the tune of four  
or five thousand dollars—and out  
of whose pockets must it come?  
Not the new Governor, not the  
Attorney General, nor the sleek  
and well fed Chief Justice and  
judges, bankers and lawyers. No!  
but out of the poor man, who has  
to pay eight dollars yearly for the  
privilege of citizenship and who  
has to hunt round from house to  
house to get a little wood to saw  
or a little coal to put in to keep  
his family from starvation,  
throughout the winter—or from  
the poor farmer or laborer in the  
woods or on the streams. Without  
wishing to censure men in high  
station or be considered deficient  
in all proper honor and respect for  
those occupying places of position  
and trust we would condemn de-  
cidedly this aping of royalty and  
aristocracy and increasing the bur-  
dens of the people.

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sitively cures Coughs, Colds, Asthma,  
Hoarseness, Bronchitis and all diseases  
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