

THE CUBAN SUPREME COURT.

Gen. Brooke Has Signed the Commissions of the Justices—Every Province Is Represented.

HAVANA, May 4.—Governor General Brooke to-day signed the commissions of the President and Associate Justices of the recently constituted Supreme Court of Cuba. The tribunal, as now made up, consists of Antonio Gonzalez de Mendoza, President, and Pedro Gonzalez Llorente, José García Montos, Luis Estvez Romero, Eudaldo Tamayo, Angel Betancourt, and Rafael Cruz Perez, Associates.

Federico Mora, who has held the post of Civil Governor of Havana, is appointed Attorney General, with Octavio Giberga and Carlos Revilla as his assistants.

All the Justices are well-known jurists, men of untarnished reputations, and possessed of wealth enough to place them beyond temptation to abuse their trust. More than this, the selections satisfy all legitimate political considerations, the four principal provinces being represented in the tribunal—Havana by Señor Llorente, Santiago by Señor Tamayo, who was formerly an Associate Justice of the Provincial Supreme Court, a post he resigned to become Gen. Leonard Wood's chief Cuban adviser; Puerto Principe by Señor Betancourt, and Matanzas by Señor Perez. The other members of the tribunal are Havana men.

Señor Mora, the Attorney General, has proved virtually the only Civil Governor who has thoroughly adjusted himself to the policy of the American military administration. He was educated at Fordham, N. Y. His successor as Civil Governor has not yet been named, but the incoming official will have control of the entire Province of Havana, looking for special instructions to Major Gen. Ludlow in the urban district and to Major Gen. Lee in the rural.

Señor Mora, in the course of an interview this evening, said he had not been officially informed of his nomination as Attorney General, and could not accept the post unless his own conditions were agreed to. Gen. Brooke's decree constituting the Court

and the Prosecuting Department provided that the fiscal Attorney General should carry on no other business. As Señor Mora has a partnership interest in a very large notarial business, he would probably be unwilling to give it up. More than this, he served as fiscal agent for twelve years, and much prefers the duties of Civil Governor. He considers that Señor Pedro Gonzales Llorente would be the best available nomination for the Attorney Generalship.

As to who would succeed him as Civil Governor in the event of his accepting, Señor Mora has no knowledge whatever. If asked to make a recommendation, he says he would name the Cuban General, Rius Rivera, a man energetic and popular with the Cubans, a Puerto Rican by birth, educated in the United States, where he learned to speak English fluently and studied three years as an engineer. Rivera's military record is excellent. He was in the Eastern Provinces with Gen. Gomez, fought with Gen. Antonio Maceo in the ten years' war, and led several filibustering expeditions from the United States.