

intendencia, or *Provincia de la Havannah*, occupies all that part situated west of the *Quatro Villas*, of which the intendant of the capital has lost the financial administration. When the cultivation of the land shall be more uniformly advanced, the division of the island into five departments, viz.: the *vuelta de abaxo* (from Cape San Antonio to the fine village of Guanajay and Mariel), the Havannah (from Mariel to Alvarez), the *Quintas Villas* (from Alvarez to Moron), *Puerto Principe* (from Moron to Rio Cauto), and *Cuba* (from Rio Cauto to Punta Maysi), will perhaps appear the most fit, and most consistent with the historical remembrances of the early times of the Conquest.

My map of the island of Cuba, however imperfect it may be for the interior, is yet the only one on which are marked the thirteen *ciudades*; and also seven *villas*, which are included in the divisions I have just enumerated. The boundary between the two bishoprics (*linea divisoria de los dos obispados de la Havana y de Santiago de Cuba*) extends from the mouth of the small river of Santa Maria (long. $80^{\circ} 49'$), on the southern coast, by the parish of San Eugenio de la Palma, and by the *haciendas* of Santa Anna, Dos Hermanos, Copey, and Cienega, to La Punta de Judas (long. $80^{\circ} 46'$), on the northern coast, opposite Cayo Romano. During the régime of the Spanish Cortes, it was agreed that this ecclesiastical limit should be also that of the two *Deputaciones provinciales* of the Havannah and of Santiago. (*Guia Constitucional de la isla de Cuba*, 1822, p. 79). The diocese of the Havannah comprehends forty, and that of Cuba twenty-two, parishes. Having been established at a time when the greater part of the island was occupied by farms of cattle (*haciendas de ganado*), these parishes are of too great extent, and little adapted to the requirements of present civilization. The bishopric of Santiago de Cuba contains the five cities of Baracoa, Cuba, Holguin, Guiza, Puerto Principe, and the Villa of Bayamo. In the bishopric of San Cristoval de la Havannah are included the eight cities of the Havannah, viz.: Santa Maria del Rosario, San Antonio Abad or de los Baños, San Felipe y Santiago del Bejucal, Matanzas, Jaruco, La Paz, and Trinidad, and the six villas of Guanabacoa, viz.: Santiago de las Vegas or Compostela, Santa Clara, San Juan de los Reme-