CUBAN PLANTERS' APPEAL.

WANT A REDUCTION OF OUR DUTIES ON THE ISLAND'S SUGAR.

Also Ask for the Abolition of the Export Duty on Tobacco—Secretary of Agriculture Lacoste Supports the Appeal in a Letter to Gen. Wood—Talk of a Protectorate.

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TO GIVE UP BILLINGTON'S PRESENTS.

Sheriff Catches Miss Hammond in Wilkes-Barre With a High Roller's Bounty.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 12.—Sheriff Gallagher of Greene county, this state, is a big sable-lined coat, and with numerous legal papers arrived in this city to-day from Uniontown, Pa., where he had examined in court for a girl fashioned with jewels, sporting vehicles and driving fast horses. How had he found this out? After a conference with Chief of Police Kime the sheriff managed to make the arrest. The girl was [illegible] Miss Anna Hammond.

The Sheriff wants about seven thousand dollars, and he will get nearly all of it. The money was spent on the girl by a Wilkes-Barre gambler, who served the People of Greene county in the East to spend it. He was [illegible] Billington, Indiana, and Uniontown, Pa., where he had lived during the summer, and he came to this city in the winter. He was a gambler and a sporting man, and he made money in making the rounds of the resorts, and entertaining and showing the girl the town.

Then he met Miss Hammond, who is quite a looker. She was then about 18 years old. Billington was then about forty years old. He was a pleasant person, intelligent, fair and square, on the bubble horse. Sheriff Gallagher arrived a few weeks ago and Billington went back to Uniontown with the girl. He was quietly and in your morning a certain man was sentenced to jail. Mrs. Hammond, who is a widow, requested Bach to get her daughter away from Billington. Bach found the girl in Uniontown and brought her to this city. The Uniontown man followed the girl and was arrested. Bach and Mrs. Hammond came to this city with the girl. Billington was arrested in Uniontown and brought to this city. When this is done he will be from Indiana.

TEA RAISING IN THE SOUTH

A Connecticut Syndicate Planning to Go Into the Industry in South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 12.—The announcement was made to-day by Commissioner Ellett, who is in Washington, that a few days ago there arrived in this city twenty-five Japanese, who have come to Charleston to negotiate the question of the cultivation of tea in this state. The Japanese are representatives of a Connecticut syndicate, which has opened tea gardens near Charleston. The syndicate has been in large operation in Japan for years, and the tea plantations in Japan are in a large number of the Japanese. The syndicate has been in the tea business