

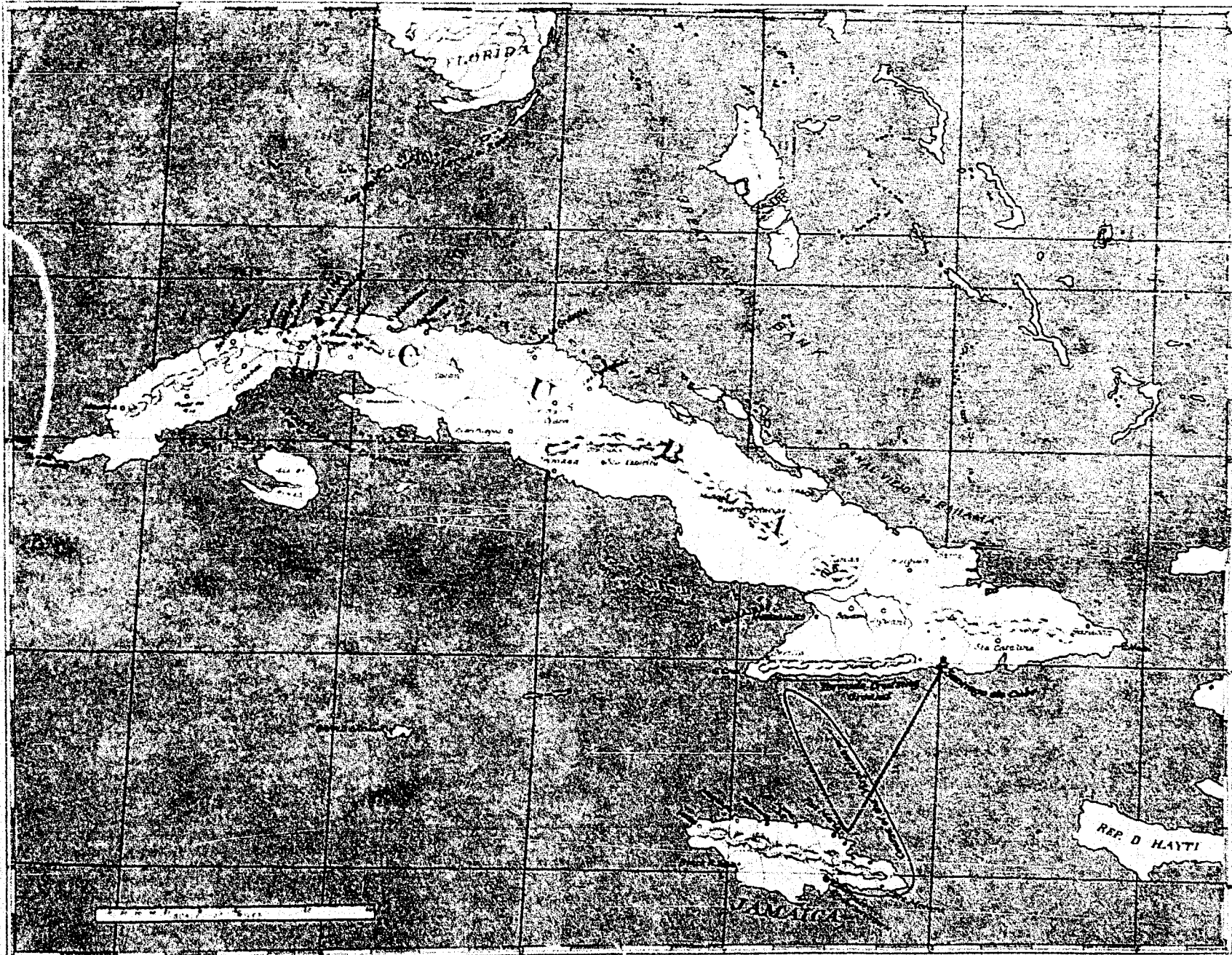
PENSIONS IN ENGLAND.

One sometimes finds the most interesting things, writes a London correspondent of the *Daily Graphic*, in the most uninteresting books—grains of wheat hidden in bushels of chaff—jewels in dust-heaps. Thus, in that most dreary of Blue-Books, the financial accounts of the Kingdom of Great Britain for 1873, I have found some facts and some figures which are curiously interesting, not to say amusing. These facts and figures relate to the recipients of annuities and pensions from the Government. The English pension list is a very different thing from that of the United States. The pensions which your ungrateful Republic pays are only those to soldiers and sailors, or to the wives and children of soldiers and sailors. Generous John Bull, on the contrary, paid last year the sum of \$1,515,695 to a very heterogeneous set of people—to some because they were the Queen's children or cousins; to others because their great-uncle had once done some good service to the State; to others still because their husband or father or brother had written a book or made a discovery; and to still others for no reason whatever that can be discovered. There is a yearly sum of \$17,500 paid "to all and every one of the heirs male to whom the title" of Nelson "shall descend;" there is \$20,000 a year paid to the Duke of Wellington; there is a payment of \$10,000 a year "forever" to the Rodney family, and whoever is Viscount Exmouth, to all eternity is to receive the same yearly sum; the present holder of the Raglan title gets \$10,000 a year, and so will his successors, but then this payment is to end; the Duke of Marlborough gets \$20,000 a year, and "the heirs of the Duke of Schonberg" receive \$10,000 a year; the Earl of



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Bath has only the modest sum of \$12,000 a year, while the "heirs and descendants of William Penn"—and they will never die out—receive the handsome annual stipend of \$20,000 "forever." Mr. Disraeli receives \$10,000 a year because he has been Prime Minister, and so do Sir George Grey, Sir Milner Gibson, and the Right Hon. Spencer Walpole. Ex-Lord Chancellors St. Leonards, Chelmsford, Cairns, and Hatherley each got \$25,000, and so did Lord Westbury until he died. The veteran diplomatist, Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, had \$7,930, and Lord Cowley almost as much. Then the small sum of \$72.50 was paid to the surviving servants of "His late Majesty George III," (they must be getting tolerably well advanced in life by this time); \$1,790 went to the servants of Her late Majesty Queen Charlotte, and \$300 to those of Queen Caroline. It is almost incredible; but there are still living "persons who suffered by the rebellion in Ireland in 1798," and their sufferings were soothed this year by the payment of \$161. Then Mary Ann Foster, "late housemaid of the House of Lords, Ireland," got \$57 to keep her old bones in comfort, and "six trumpeters" of Scotland received \$96 each, for what reason no one can tell. They are not so well off as the "Heritable Usher of Scotland," who has not ushered anybody these many years, but who got \$3,445 last year; and they may even envy Edward Roberson, "kettle-drummer," Ireland, whose "back-pay grab" comes to \$305 each year. "The itinerant preachers" of the Church of Scotland got \$10,000 to be divided between them—I hope there are not too many of them—and the preachers of that kirk who are not "itinerant" received \$35,000 as an "augmentation of stipends."



Dotted line, the course of the "Tornado;" single line, the course of the "Virginius;" double line, the course of the "Tornado" and "Virginius" from the place of capture to Santiago de Cuba.

THE "VIRGINIUS" OUTRAGE.—MAP OF CUBA, SHOWING THE COURSE OF THE "TORNADO" AND THE "VIRGINIUS."