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# The Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society

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Dear Sir,

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 15th of April, enclosing a copy of your letter to ~~the~~ "El Comercio", about the mistake in regard to the charge of corporal chastisement made by Señor Marcos S. Cortez, but I noted the important point that you confirm your statements made on the 8th of April, as to the other charges against the Inambari Para Rubber Estates, Limited.

I enclose a copy of a paragraph which appeared in the "South American Supplement" of the "Times" of yesterday, in which it is stated that your Association has withdrawn all the allegations against the Inambari Para Rubber Estates, Ltd. This, I take it, is an entire mistake, it having been only the one charge of corporal chastisement which was withdrawn. In another part of the "South American Supplement" of the "Times" of the same date, a letter from yourself is published. I suppose the documents referred to are those which you have already sent to me.?



I have today had an interview with Sir Martin Conway, the Chairman of the Inambari Para Rubber Estates, Ltd. who denies all the charges made, which, however, he has not himself seen or gone into. I have given him the documents which you sent, and shall hope to hear from him in reference to them. He gives me to understand that your Manager has already seen you on the subject, and assures me that you have withdrawn the charges made.

You will understand that it is difficult for our Society to take any effective action, until we hear from you that these allegations are fully established, and my Committee hopes that you will send us such evidence as will enable us to co-operate with you in attacking such abuses as you have called our attention to. <sup>these which</sup>

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

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"South American Supplement", "Times",



Alleged Slavery.

The "Times" representative in Peru, and a correspondent at present in that country, both write from Lima under the same date, April 16th. Their main topic is one which was at that time causing considerable excitement in Peru. This was an accusation against the Inambari Para Rubber Estates Company (limited) for alleged flogging and ill-treatment of Indians on their estates. It is satisfactory to be reassured by one correspondent that this complaint, which was taken up by the Pro-Indigena Association, has now been definitely and publicly withdrawn, while the other correspondent, from his knowledge of the management of this estate, has never believed in this allegation, and is aware of political reasons and personal and even family feuds which might well have been responsible for the circulation of such rumours. The circumstances in this particular case make such a charge absurd, because the Inambari property is worked from the Andes, and not from the Madre de Dios river, where different conditions obtain. The civilization is that of the altiplanicie, and labour is free to go and come. If labour were ill-treated it would not go to such a district of its own free will- a fact showing that workers there are not discontented.



On the other hand, these writers call attention to the facts known by travellers in the Amazon basin, that slave markets do, to some extent, exist down the rivers Madre de Dios, Acre, Purus, Napo, Putumayo, Negro, etc., Such conditions must be expected in places where Governments have to deal with half-civilized and remote districts, much of which lies in disputed territory - a circumstance that adds to the difficulty of bringing the slave-driver from his obscurity within reach of the law.