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DENISON HOUSE,

VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD,

LONDON, S.W.

(CLOSE TO VICTORIA STATIONS).

21st March, 1911.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, for which I thank you.

I am glad to hear from your letter that your Society is continuing its efforts to see a better system of labour established in the Portuguese Colonies, and that, in your opinion, the Provisional Government shows good signs of carrying out the assurances given by it. We have been very apprehensive that the pressure brought to bear by the planters upon the Government was weakening them in their declared policy of securing for the labourers proper conditions of recruiting and due repatriation at the end of their term, and we have greatly regretted to notice the hostile expressions used against the intervention of those who are interested in reforms in this country. We had hoped that the deputation from this Society which visited Lisbon in November last had made it clear that we were animated by no feelings in any way hostile to the Portuguese Government and people, whom, on the contrary, we were anxious in every way to support in their efforts to bring about reforms in the system.



We are in correspondence constantly with Mr. Swan,  
the representative of this Society in Lisbon. I notice that you  
write from Oporto, but when you are in Lisbon, you will no doubt  
understand Mr. Swan is fully entitled to represent the views of  
this Society.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

*Travers Buxton*

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11th April, 1911.

Dear Sir,

We have been glad to receive from Mr. W.A. Albright, a member of our Committee, a report on his visit to Lisbon, during which he had the pleasure of seeing several members of the Portuguese Anti-Slavery Society. My Committee has heard with great interest that the Society has been giving consideration to the decree proposed by the Provisional Government, in relation to the servicaes in San Thome, and that the Society does not consider the scheme wholly satisfactory. My Committee is glad to note the principles which have been laid down by the Society as those which must be carried out in any decree which is to render abuses impossible, viz., <sup>that</sup> the buying and selling of natives, direct or indirect; corporal punishment of labourers, and their illegal detention in the places to which they are taken. should not be allowed.

Mr. Albright has specially told us of the scheme <sup>described</sup> employed by Dr. Fernando Reis of employing free labour on his property in Angola, of which we have also read an account in one



of your newspapers, and we very much hope to hear that his example has been followed, and the scheme put in force on other plantations with the approval of the Government.

I have the pleasure to send you under separate cover 2 dozen copies of this Society's Annual Report for 1910, and hope that we may again have the honour of hearing from you as to any further steps which are taken by your Society in its important work.

Assuring you of my high regard,

I am, Sir

Your faithful servant,

*Travers Buxton*

The Secretary,

Sociedade Anti-Esclavagista Portuguesa,

Travessa da Espera, 8, 2<sup>o</sup>,

Lisboa.