

Correspondence relating to Domestic Slavery in the Sierra Leone Protectorate.

No. 1.

Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Sierra Leone.

[Answered by No. 2.]

Downing Street,
27th March, 1924.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit to you an extract from a letter from the Secretary-General of the League of Nations regarding an inquiry which the League is conducting into the question of slavery.

2. I should be glad if you would furnish me as soon as possible with the information asked for by the League, so far as relates to the territory under your administration.

I have, etc.,

J. H. THOMAS.

Enclosure in No. 1.

League of Nations,
Geneva,
22nd December, 1923.

MY LORD,

In consideration of the resolution adopted by the Fourth Assembly, the Council of the League of Nations, at its meeting on the 11th December, 1923, decided to continue its inquiry with regard to the question of slavery. In conformity with the terms of that decision, I have been instructed to request that, should slavery have been known to exist in any part of the territory at present under the administration of the British Government, you would consider the possibility of communicating to the Council information on the following points :—

1. What means, legislative, administrative or other, have been applied in the territory of Great Britain or in its Colonies, Protectorates, and mandated territories, to secure the suppression of slavery?

2. What have been the results of the application of these measures? Has slavery thereby been automatically and completely suppressed, or is it gradually dying out? What are the economic and social results of the measures taken, for the former masters, for the slaves, for the Government, and for