



Talparaiss, 17th. November, 1939.
W. C. Simons Esq.
Lawrence.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I received none of your kind letters by this boat & am now answering your favour of the 20th. September last which I received after that of the 30th.

As I wrote you in my last I fully recognize that to attend to my commission must constitute a terrible nuisance to a busy man.

It was for this reason that I proposed you should deduct 15% from the proceeds of all sales to pay for your work.

And with regard to sales I fondly imagined that there would be no difficulty, seeing that everybody who read the accounts found them interesting and that you yourself thought the fact of the stories coming from Chile would be an extra attraction.

I must confess that I still think that the publishers are too timid or conservative or the slaves of routine for the general public is composed of individuals very similar to those who read the stories and found them of interest. Among these readers were two clerks of the American Consulate of this port.

With regard to this nuisance I regret that it has increased as I suppose that by this time you have the Dubois manuscript on your hands.

Should you be unable to do anything with this work kindly ^{as a gift} present it to the nearest public library or reading room with my compliments.

Respecting the Becker affair I have decided to send you it direct to The Saturday Evening Post so that I shall be obliged were you to kindly send them the second part & the certificate issued by Mr. Peddar.

P.T.O.