GOLD COAST MINING.

To the Editor of "The Mining World and Engineering Record."—

Sir,—Many thanks for the crumb of comfort you administered to me in your issue of February 10th. It was really wanted. Nothing sets one thinking than to hear a glorious prospect being ruined by mismanagement and incompetency. I had just been looking over a letter by receiving a letter with the gratifying intelligence as follows:—"If it be acknowledged that "hydraulicking" on the Gold Coast cannot be carried on without loss, and that operators over ever see or hear of a force-pump on shore or on float, it would be advisable not to stand bowing for a "fall." But THE MINING WORLD again informs me that this "authority," this "man of experience," is neither a miner nor an engineer. Did the operators ever see or hear of a force-pump on shore or on float? I have been puzzled Mr. Walker about "hydraulicking," however, adds that "slowing" is possible; a small mercy, but better than nothing.

I have taken trouble to show that gold dust was probably the first metal worked by man, also that gold has been washed in West Africa as well as in Egypt, for countless generations. I have noted that everywhere on the Gold Coast women still wash for gold. And I then, to believe that bullion seekers to see, with all his pretensions, and his wealth of appliances, finds water "simply impossible to work", as they do in the North, is to see a blow for the pariahs. In six months' time he believed they could be in a much better position.

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TINTPG COTT.

On Thursday, a four months' account was held on this mine, Mr. H. S. TEEGUT, the purser, being in the chair. The statistics showed the labour costs for the month at 12s. 6d., merchants' bills, 1,016s. 14d.; agents, 926s. 10d.; dues, 2,772s. 17d.; and commission to Messrs. Bullin, for twelve months, 332s. 6d. The labour costs being a large number of persons, and if Hottotian had expected to stop it would be a blow for the pariahs. In six months' time he believed they could be in a much better position.

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IMPEDEMENTS TO GOLD COAST MINING.

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will insert in your columns the following correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and this company concerning a proclamation recently issued by the Lusit.-Governor of the Gold Coast, as I think it bears some value to those of your readers who are interested in the gold mining industry of that colony, or who are traders to any ports on the West Coast of Africa.

I am, &c.,

WALTER BERN.

Copy of correspondence between the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Baslow and Aitana Gold Mines Syndicate, Limited.

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Colonial Office, S.W.,

Sir,—Owing to the provisions of the above-named notice, forbidding the importation of smooth or valve lighter into this colony, I have been requested by the refusal of the commissioners at Accra to take some money which I readily sent out, and which well groomed and rather worn, would have passed without difficulty in England.

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WALTER BERN, Secretary.