

TREATMENT OF AMERICANS AT HAVANA.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

SIR: On the 13th inst. the Hotel Ynglaterra was burned down. Three Americans who had gone out on the Moro Castle had lodgings there. They heard a cry at about 3 o'clock of the morning, and, rushing down stairs, saw that the building was on fire. They intended to go up again to their rooms and save, if possible, their money and clothing. But no sooner were they seen by the volunteers than they were asked to work at the fire engine. Mr. Van Wyck, a Georgian, refused, and held out refusing. Three bayonets were drawn upon him, and he would certainly have been killed had not the captain of the company came along at this juncture and interferred. He, however, lost by the detention his money and clothing. Mr. Smith of New-York State refused also to work, because he wanted to save his trunk. He was struck over the head with three guns, and otherwise kicked about and maltreated. He labored at the engine about 10 minutes, and lost nearly all his personal effects. Mr. Mason of New-York saved what he had, but was compelled to do the service demanded of the others. An American who was nearly dead of consumption, and who had gone to Cuba with the hope of adding a few days to his life, was rudely taken hold of by the volunteers and compelled to labor at the engine.

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