

mogetse koalo lo gago ka

Ke bonye le tironyana e

ea Insurane e ke tla itumelana

ma molomo oa gakolola lo

sh Tanana gore ba iketleletse

measure lo tle lo e tsene mmogo

food business in a good company

Mafoke a a botlhoko ke a : U ita

molato, oa rona le Dehoko o Chief Joshua

ba o nkemetseng le Ephraim. Mo-

lato o, o kabo o fokotsegile fa ene erile

jaka ke tsamama mogola kabo ke bonye tso

e e choanang le e. Tiro e ene e tla phi-

mo. molato oo sentle jela fa kene ~~erile~~ ke

e bonye mogola eseng monongoga gome

mo kgodding tse tharo tse ke e choereng ka

cone ke duetse Dehoko. £23 Kempe £20

molato o monye o mogolo o ono o pitlagantse

ta £25 - githa ke £68 mo kgodding tse

maro (ke sa balele le losagaripa lo longae

lo lo ne lo ntharile jela jaka bolele ebile

lo nkitsa go bereka gape ke oa bale le mo

go ducoeng ke chief ka esi) ke gopola u

tla dumela gore tiro e e ka ~~duetse~~ dullang

~~molato~~ molato ea motto bokalo mo

Rgalding tse tharo e ka duetse thata mo

ngoa

Thaba

Falle mo malatsinyaneng
 Santse o rebotse papadi. M
 epe lefalle e nyenyane fa re
 dekoko — Ke gopola o itse fore
 madi a mo p Mrs Lucas ke
 interest — Ka duela Dekoko
 Joshua a mo duela 27. in am 191.

Fa madi a ane a neoa Rosenberg or
 Wenham lefalle Winchin molato o kalo
 o setse ole mmotlamyana thata. Ke
 lekile thata go adime mono mme batla
 ba ba archlofeditseng baa dikolofa
 ke gone ke go rapelang fore Coe Coe
 ra in thuse chief Joshua re bulele
 le Mr Wenham or the jew Gordon fore
 ba tse molato o. If you can succeed
 I will finish it in 6 months. A ko
 leke rra Coe Coe bopole mo leputeng
 fomme DeKock wants the money on the
 9th & the people who promised to
 me in October baa dikolofa. Na
 boma rra gase fore go ke duela. I pay
 hard but dekoko ke keitse e e
 lechoba molato oa gajoe increase
 instead of decrease. I can only get
 some one else the debt will be over in
 a short time. Coe Coe rra a
 tsala moe. — I will write a
 the Duke

S.T. Plaatje - Correspondence

Da 18 | [c.1911?]

Sir,

I received your letter. I got a job with the Insurance Company and I can be very happy if you can encourage the Barolong people to work hard and progress so that later some of them can enter into good business in a good company.

I've got sad news for you; Do you know my debt with De-Kock? I mean the debt that Chief Joshua and Ephraim keep on hammering? If I had found a job like the present one, last year, I could have paid some part of this money. I would not be owing a cent if I had got this job last year - because in three months time I paid De-Kock (Dekoko) £23, Kemp/Kempe £20 and another big account of £25 - altogether I paid £68 in three months. (not forgetting all the other petty accounts which were paid by Chief Joshua and the terrible flu that laid me down and prevented me from working). I think you will agree with me when saying the job that can clear all these accounts is not a three month's job but the whole year's.

These days we are working hard. I think you are aware that De Kock/Dekoko has got the other money, Mr Clucas is the one who has the interest - I paid Dekoko and Chief Joshua also paid him £27 - in all £191. If this money was given to either Rosenberg, Wenham or even Minchin we would be owing far less. I tried to borrow money from here but people who promised me are now delaying. So please help Chief Joshua and plead with Mr Wenham or the Jew to take this debt into their hands. If you can succeed I will finish it in six months. Sir, please try to get some money especially from the Jew because De Kock wants the money on the 9th and the people who promised to help me in October are now delaying. You can see Sir, that I pay my accounts but De Kock's case is like a bag which never gets full - his debt increases instead of decreasing. If I can only get some one else the debt will be out in a short time. Please Sir, try to plead with one of your friends - I will write again about the Duke.

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