

Pietersburg,
October 26th, 1940.

Senator the Honourable Rheinallt Jones,
and Messrs. R. G. Baloyi, M.R.C., and
R. V. S. Thema, M.R.C.

Gentlemen,

As a result of your letter circularised to Chiefs, Councillors, etc., we, the Chiefs and people living in the rural areas, have decided to submit to you for consideration the following points:-

LAND MATTERS:

1. In view of the fact that the Government has promised to extend the present Native Reserves by additional farms, we feel that the time is ripe that these farms should be attached to the Native Reserves under the jurisdiction of Chiefs.
2. That the Government should recognise the following privileges of Native Chiefs on land as conferred upon them by long established and generally recognised Native law and custom.
 - (a) That allocation of arable lands should be done by order of the Chief.
 - (b) That Chiefs should enjoy a prerogative over a certain portion of the Location for their own use.
3. That Native Agricultural Demonstrators should be promoted to positions of Overseers.
4.
 - (a) That whenever Irrigation Schemes are started, individual effort should be encouraged instead of communal effort.
 - (b) That the present allocation of lands should be increased to 2½ morgen in case of lands under water and to 10 morgen in case of dry lands.
 - (c) That the maximum charge for grazing 20 head of stock in the Trust Farms should be £1. 10. 0. instead of the per caput fee of 2/-.
 - (d) That the Department is humbly asked to lay a definite number of years during which Natives shall pay rents, and that after the expiration of that period grazing and ploughing should be free.
 - (e) That certain farms should be preserved for grazing.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS:

1. That industrial and agricultural branches of learning should be encouraged in tribal schools.
2. That all tribally built schools in big Native Reserves should receive status of Secondary Schools and that Native Graduates be appointed as Principals.

GENERAL ROUTINE IN NATIVE AFFAIRS:

1. We feel that it is now time that educated Natives who are capable should be given first preference whenever clerks and typistes are required to work in the Native Affairs offices so as to open more avenues of employment for them.
2. That all Trading Rights in Trust Farms and Native Reserves should be given to Natives.
3. That all Transportation facilities in the Native Reserves and Trust Farms should be given to Natives.
4. That in general the present Transport facilities in Native Reserves are far from suitable.
5. That we view with great regret and disappointment the system of correspondence now adopted and practised by the Department of Native Affairs, of addressing letters to Natives without using the conventional titles of Mr., Mrs., Miss, Sir, Madam, Messrs., etc.

NATIVE WAGES:

1. That legislation governing the wages of Native labourers in Native Industries be passed by the Government so as to raise the economic standard of the Natives.
2. That we, the Chiefs, should be permitted by the Government of Native Affairs to hold their meetings without the Chairmanship or supervision of an official of the Native Affairs Department.

CHIEFS' QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

That the Native Administration Act by its regulations makes provision for the convening of Chiefs' quarterly meetings but makes no provision for their conveyance and subsistence.

MEDICAL SERVICES:

1. That it is urgently essential nowadays that the Government should train Natives as fully qualified doctors in this country.
2. That the Trust should be approached with a view to building clinics in rural Native Locations so as to open avenues of employment for Medical Aid Students and Nurses.

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November 6th, 1940.

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Senator R. Jones,
Mr. Baloyi,
and Mr. Thema.

1st. Proposition:

Greetings,

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the shortening of fields is undoubtedly a stunning blow to our lives agriculturally. This I believe will appeal to your sensitive chord which never fails to thrill a response.

2nd. Proposition:

Any marriage unsanctioned by the parents is illegal, unpermissible by either the law or the parents of the son or daughter concerned. This should be enacted.

3rd. Proposition:

It be noted that people residing in a certain Location should not be allowed to buy lands near the Location of a certain Chief unless they are his subjects. For instance, the Chief Matlala's people cannot go and buy lands near Mphabhele's Location.

(Signed) Chief S. Matlala

Matlala's Location,
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