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14th February, 1933.

O. D. Schreiner, Esq.,
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Commissioner Street,
Local.

My Dear Schreiner,

Land-Owners Association.

I received the enclosed this morning and shall be glad if the Joint Council can take a note of the position disclosed.

It has been suggested to me that some representative of the Joint Council should address this meeting in the Native interests.

You will receive all further information required from Mr. Summerley of the Rand Mines .

Yours truly,

Howard Pim

1 Enclosure.

COPY.

A meeting will shortly be held at King's College
and it is suggested that the District Councils
should appear and give evidence.
Nylstroom,

I understand Ballinger has 7th February, 1933.
been supplied with certain statistics

Sir,

Native Service Contract Act 1932.

I have the honour to enclose herewith for your information a memorandum setting forth the functions of the Committee appointed in the above connection.

In order that the proceedings may be expedited as far as possible it is suggested that a representative be appointed to give evidence, if so desired, on the lines of decisions arrived at after meetings.

The Committee will sit at Nylstroom at 10 a.m. on Friday the Third (3rd) March, 1933.

Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) B. Goldschmidt,
MAGISTRATE.

Memorandum setting forth the functions of local committees.

The functions of the committee will be to investigate and to report to the Minister on the following lines:-

(1) Determination of periods under section 9 (2).

The committee should at the outset ascertain and state clearly the customary period of service rendered annually by squatters in its district, and this will ordinarily form the basis of the period of service to be rendered by a native in order to exempt the owner of the land whereon such native is domiciled from the tax referred to in section 9 (2) and should thereafter recommend the periods of service to be determined by the Governor-General for the purposes of section 9 (2).

(2) Effect of the Proclamation.

The committee should further endeavour to form an opinion as to what effect the proclamation of any area in its district under the said section is likely to have upon the natives in that area and whether the natives are likely to suffer any undue hardship in cases where landowners refuse to pay the £5 tax; and should report -

- (a) How many natives are likely to be affected, and
- (b) Whether it will be possible to move them elsewhere, and, if so, what other land is available to them.

Much will depend upon this aspect of the matter, and the Committee should not recommend the proclamation of an area unless it is clear that the natives who will be displaced from the farms will be able to secure places of abode elsewhere.

(3) What areas should be proclaimed.

Bearing in mind the considerations referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Committee should recommend that areas, if any, should be defined by proclamation in terms of section 9 (1).

(4) Evidence of landowners and public bodies.

Landowners, farmers' associations and public bodies should be given an opportunity of making representations to the Committee so that the position may be thoroughly investigated before any conclusion is arrived at.

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