

Office of the Resident Magistrate,

Mafeking 21 Jan 7 1902

Dear Likoko,

Col. Vyryan does not wish tomorrow to meet the Tribe but mere the Chiefs, Headmen and representatives of outside kraals and would like the meeting to be quite private - in the veld away from everyone if possible - I am writing to

to the Comd^{ant}: for an order
for 300 rifles and 100
rounds of ammunition
for each to be distributed
to day amongst your
people - will you therefore
send up some men to
fetch the arms and
I will get a Policeman
to supervise their
distribution -

I hope you are better -
Yours faithfully
E. Graham Green
of Rln.

Office of the Resident Magistrate,

Mafeking 18th Feb 7 1902

Chief Lekoko Montsoa
The Stad.

The Commandant complains of the filthy and unsanitary condition of the South side of the Stad, in consequence of which several men in the Blockhouses there have become ill: will you therefore please take steps to cause the seld to be cleaned up and the natives compelled to use the latrines provided for them.

E. G. Hamlyn
Agent

H. MITCHELSON & CO.

GENERAL MERCHANTS.

POSTAL ADDRESS:

KRAAIPAN SIDING.

BECHUANALAND.

TEL. ADDRESS:

MITCHELSON, KRAAIPAN,
MAFEKING.

Kraaipan Siding, June 22 1900.
BECHUANALAND.

To:-

Resident Magistrate of C. C.
Mafeking

Dear Sir,

Having heard that the people of Mafeking have looked their own from Polfontein; I wish to inform you that I had several oxen stationed there, in charge of my nephew. They were placed with Samuel Seipemo.

If it should come to your knowledge that my oxen have been looked with the rest, kindly let me know, that I may come & claim them. I do not know how many oxen there are, but Sam. Seipemo is sure to know.

I am, Dear Sir,

The Chief Lekoko

Your Humble Servant
J. J. Leitbrock

as.

do you know
any thing about these
cattle
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00
Mafeking C. C.

Gardens

Mnonchusi
Maphakana
Raisoshebi
Thopamare
Masholunthe trees
Mokgothu large
Ramoshebi large
Lefettho large
Molise
Lethoo large trees
Molekane large trees
Mokgothu do shulunthe trees
Isiane large
Othaolisson
Molisi very large
gacot Othaolisson in law
Othaoli very large
Mokgothu Piyadam

Mokgothu by Maseng large
Mokgothu do 2nd refer
Mokgothu in God's field by Rapone
(Down)
Lethoo
Mokgothu 1 acars
Matshetisho Othaolisson in law
Selebogo went to Transvaal
Lethoo large
Matshetisho in law
Polo large
Mokgothu small by the bank
Mokgothu Masholunthe
Mokgothu by Mucume in law
Mokgothu large
Isiana large
Mhengoza do Transvaal
Matshetisho large

Trees only
Shulunthe only trees
Lefettho Trees only
Mnchusi Trees & Road

Lefettho Trees
Masholunthe Trees
Down
Isiane large
Gabolisi Trees
Mhengoza
Isiane
Othaoli large
Lerame
Ramoshebi unwatered
Gabolisi Do
Isiane large
Bene large Trees
Mocumi West Transvaal
Isiane

Matshetisho in law
Isiane
Mhengoza
Mocumi
Bene
Gabolisi

Mafeking, Bechuanaland,

Cape Colony, 25. XII. 189

Choko and Matsese desire to
thank Her Ladyship for the presents
she so kindly sent our children.
They have been received by the children
with great pleasure and we also
wish Lady Sarah many happy re-
turns and an immediate termination
of the present trouble.

Office of the Resident Magistrate,

Mapleburg 3rd March 1902

To Chief Lakoko

The Commandant approves
of the withdrawal of the armed
men from Masibis' Glad,
that you sent out for
protection of cattle, now
that he learns there are
so few cattle there and
none at Samie's Glad;
he further wishes you
to understand that no
armed

armed patriots are to be
sent out except with
his permission.

P. Graham Green
ag. R. L. N.

Sillayli
4th March 1882.

Letto's Montsuro
Chief.

Majeking

My friend

I must
again trouble you to forward
some letters, as even the rain
got me. I hope you will do
as with the first oppor-
tunity.

I am enclosing one for
Matsheakemo & one for
Marumolo.

I notice that the rain we
have had about here is a
little more than fell in
Majeking. Still, I hope you
have had enough for the
people's crops.

Quindripet is still about
here, but not very bad &
we hope to kill it soon.

I was in the Majeking laad
last Friday, & was sorry I
could not see you at Wesselo.

I remain
your friend

C. Pring

Ono'tjal v. seroo

doing a lot of good now,
I am hoping that
these people will not
lose very many of
their cattle, although
everybody must be
prepared to lose a
few.

Woods arrived last night
I am sorry to hear from
him that it is so bad
in Hopkinton.

I can only advise you
all to insulate, & stop
the people from carrying
the dead meat about as
much as you can. As that
is the surest way of
spreading the disease
& keeping it in this
district

Your friend
C. S. Ring
Inspector

I am also enclosing a letter
for Scam. C. S. R.

Office of the Resident Magistrate,

Mafeking 15th March 1902

Chief Likoko
The Stad, Mafeking
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The Commandant has been to see me and requested me to inform you that the soldiers in the Block-houses have received instructions to fire on any natives from tomorrow morning whom they may see going through the fences round the town and not going out by the authorized roads. This order will also be particularly applied to



those natives on the east side  
of the town who get through  
the fences to ease themselves  
in the field.

P. Graham Green  
of the



Chief Lakota Montsioa  
Mafking.

If you are up this way I would like to see you as regards getting wood for use of your people and the townspeople, as it is becoming very scarce.

The Asst. Provost Marshal is prepared to issue permits to any of your people who have wagons to go out and fetch firewood: that cut on the Reserves could of course not be sold, but that cut by permission on private property could be placed on the market.

Those going out to get wood



should be careful that their  
oxen are in no way infected  
with rinderpest, and should  
not go through infected areas  
but round them.

Mafeking  
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} P. Graham Green  
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Head Quarter House,  
~~Resident Commissioner's Office,~~

Mafeking, 26th June, 1903.

My Friend,

I am informed by Veterinary Surgeon Evans that he has given the permission asked for in your letter of the 13th of June, and I will consider the question of withdrawing all prohibitions if I am assured on the 10th of July that no further cases of rinderpest have occurred.

It is therefore to the interests of the Baralongs themselves to exercise the greatest vigilance.

I am

Your friend,

*Roger Williams*

Resident Commissioner.

The Chief  
Lekoko.



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Office of the Resident Magistrate,

Mafeking 22nd Oct<sup>r</sup> 1903

Chief Lekoko Montoria  
The Stad

The Government have approved of special permission being granted to your people to introduce from the Protectorate into this district their ploughing cattle during a period of 14 days from Sunday next 25th Inst. at the junction of Mogosani & Ramathlabana Spruits -  
I have requested the O.C. Police to station a man at a point at junction of Mogosani and Ramathlabana Spruits to superintend the entry of all cattle to take down particulars

as



as regards numbers, ownership  
and where they are from; and  
to disallow the entry of any  
cattle which are suspected  
of not being healthy: to carry  
out this work will you  
please detail a Headman  
to assist him, whom you  
will station at the point  
mentioned - Please let me  
know early whom you  
select -

P. Jahan Green

Res. Magistrate



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Sitlagoli

1st Dec 1903

Chief Lekoiko Mantsia  
Mantsia

Greeting:-

My Friends.

I have looked through the Hut Tax books about the people who say they have paid & this is what I can tell you viz:-

I find a Sethaku Mancea has paid - but there is another Sethaku who has not paid - if you know of only one Sethaku you must let me know.

Polo Lechiep - a man with 2 huts has paid, but there is another Polo who paid for 1898-99 & 1900 on the 15. 6. 01. - so this Polo is still owing £1-8.

Radiou Mosisane owes £1-

Lekytha & Mays are written in the Books.

I hear there is another Sethaku that I do not know

Polo Baiphophela has paid - has got receipts

Has paid 10/ 10/ to Isayman



Tshikae Moothata paid for 1902 as  
a new man; but there is a  
Tshikae on my books from 1901,  
this must be one man so he  
must still pay 18/- for 1901.  
Do you know a man called  
Ntute Mookitsane; a Mookitsane  
is on the Beitfontein book &  
owes £1-2. Paul says it is  
Ntute Mookitsane & that he is  
now in Mapeking; if you know  
him you must get this money  
from him - it is for 1901- & 1902.  
Henarik Marten who is on  
Baderilis ground also owes  
18/-, on the Beitfontein books.  
he must be asked for it -  
I cannot find a Tabane in my  
Mapeking books, but there is a  
Tabane on the ~~Mapeking~~  
Beitfontein book, he has 2  
shells. If it is the same  
man who paid 30/- to Mr  
Saayman then he still owes  
14/- - You must try &  
find

gone to Trans-  
vaal  
to work

Paid  
Rec<sup>2</sup> 18/-

Tabane says  
owes 10/- not 14/-  
Chies  
took to Mentsias  
Mapeking



find all this out & write  
to me about it, because  
I am going away for a  
month on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this  
month.

In conclusion I must  
again remind you about  
those men I spoke about,  
who will be able to take  
the census on the Reserves,  
& if you cannot let me  
know how many there are  
also their names before  
I go away then I will  
be obliged to tell the  
Magistrate that we cannot  
find Baralongs to do it &  
the Magistrate will then  
give the work to the Police  
to do.

Will ~~send~~ send you  
full information  
later on.

I am

Your Friend

C. King

Inspector

Chief

Lekeko Pentau }  
Mazeking }





HEADQUARTER HOUSE,  
MAFEKING.

Personal

11. 12. 03

My friend Letoro.

There are a number  
of deserted stone kraals  
on the old Gainsport  
Camp -

The kraals are on the  
Native Reserve although  
many of the stones were





HEADQUARTERS  
 MADRAS  
 GOVERNMENT

Collected on The Imperial  
 Reserve -

I want to build a  
 Small wall near the  
 Municipal rubbish pits  
 to prevent the dirt and  
 papers from blowing  
 down -

The Barabing  
 will -  $\wedge \wedge$  Give me

leave to remove some  
 stones from the Kraal



which is nearest to  
the Imperial Reserve  
and which is quite  
unused by you or by  
anyone else -

I shall be glad of an  
early reply please  
your friend

Ralph Williams  
R. C.



U14/515 Resident Magistrate's Office,

Maying 1st March 1906.

Chief Lakoto,  
The Stad.

My friend,

Will you please give enclosed cheque for £5 to Chief Badiile; it is a grant I got from the Divisional Council towards the cost of roads repaired in the Stad and round about on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Connaught - I hope you are better now.

Your friend

E. Graham Green

Res. Magistrate



Resident Magistrate's Office,

Draפקניג 9th March 1906

Chief Lakoko Montsion

The Stad, Draפקניג

Greeting,

Last Tuesday I wrote to  
Badrille and asked him to come  
and see me the following afternoon  
with some of his Councillors, so  
that I might communicate to  
him Colonel Stanford's reply to  
his letter about the Native Reserves  
being included in Field-Committees,  
he did not come, nor has he  
had the courtesy to explain  
why not; will you therefore  
please



please tell him I shall expect  
to see him at 2.30 on Wednesday  
afternoon next with some  
of his Councillors in the  
Court Room.

Your Friend

Graham Green

Resident Magistrate.



C. E. DOVEY, J.P., F.C.,

INSPECTOR OF NATIVE  
RESERVES,

MAPEKING DIVISION, B.B.

Postal Address,

Setlagoli,

Via Mariboga Station, B.B.,

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1908

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To Sekoko Montshiso.

Acting Paramount Chief  
of the Basalongs.  
Mapeking.

Greeting!

My friend Mr Stassenjager  
of Johannesburg has written to  
tell me he has communicated  
with you concerning the boys.

Now I wish to ask you  
please to push this matter on as  
I have obtained the sanction of  
the Government to accompany  
a batch of boys numbering  
over 100 to Johannesburg in  
order to see that they are  
properly treated, and I am  
sure you or your representative  
would come with us.

You will understand  
it will be of great advantage



to the Basalong nation, if we  
can arrange something at a  
very early date. Kindly let  
me know the earliest date I  
can come to you to hear  
something definite.

As the paramount  
chief is with the Boratshili  
I should like to see that  
section of the Basalongs  
move first.

Don't fail please  
and believe me.

Yours friend always.

W. E. Powell

Inspector Native Reserves.

Accept best wishes for a Merry  
Xmas, and a bright and  
prosperous New Year.

W. E.



Setlagoli,

23rd December 1908.

To Lekoko Montshiso,

Acting Paramount Chief,

of the Barolonge,

Mafeking.

Greeting,

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You ...



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advantage to the Barolong nation, if we can  
arrange something at a very early date. Kindly  
let me know the earliest date I can come to you  
to hear something definite.

As the paramount chief is with the Bora-  
tshili I should like to see that section of the  
Barolongs move first.

Don't fail please and believe me

Your friend always,

C.E. Dovey.

Inspector Native Reserves.

Accept best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a bright  
and prosperous New Year.

C.E.D.



Maitzani  
23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1908

To Acting Paramount Chief Sekoko,  
Boratschili.

Greeting! Please take notice  
that I require the meeting  
to be held on the Boraklon  
side to day, as last time  
the meeting at Bosaneng was  
held on the Boratschili  
side.

You know yourself  
it makes very little  
difference to me, and I  
feel sure you will do  
what I have asked.

Your friend  
Ch. E. D. D. D.  
Inspector Native Affairs



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Office of the Inspector of Native Reserves  
Mapeking.

30<sup>th</sup> November 1908

To Acting Paramount Chief  
Sekoko Bantshico.  
Mapeking.

Greeting

This few lines are to remind you that I shall be glad to receive a reply from the Boratshili concerning the additional taxation proposal as discussed at Maritzani on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1908.

Kindly inform me of the views of your people with regard to the young men being compelled to go out to work. I want to do my best to get them fixed up at the best places procurable.

Yours friend always.

Ch. E. Borah  
Inspector Native Reserves



Office of the Inspector Native Reserves.

Mafeking.

30th Nov.1908.

To Acting Paramount Chief

Lekoko Montsioa,

Mafeking.

Greeting,

This few lines are to remind  
you that I shall be glad to receive a reply  
from the Boratshili concerning the additional  
taxation proposed as discussed at Maritzani  
on the 23rd November 1908.

Kindly inform me of the views  
of your people with regard to the young men being  
compelled to go out to work. I want to do my best  
to get them fixed up at the best places procurable.

Your friend always,

C. E. Dovey.

J.P.

Inspector Native Reserves.



DE KOCK & DE KOCK,  
ATTORNEYS, NOTARIES ..  
— AND —  
CONVEYANCERS.

P. O. Box 8.

Telegraphic Address: "DE KOCK."

MAFEKING,

SOUTH AFRICA,

2nd August 1910

The Secretary,  
to the Baraleng Nation  
P.O. Box 66  
Mafeking

Dear Sir,

~~Account ending 30th June last.~~

Herewith we beg to hand you statement of account up  
to the 30th of June last showing an amount of £290.11.6  
in our favour.

We have repeatedly requested the Chief and Councill-  
ers for payment if only for a part of the account but  
nothing has been done.

We now wish to state that it is not unlikely that we  
shall have to throw up the case in connection with  
Ramesiane unless a substantial amount is paid off on  
account before then, *by the 13th inst.*

In any case we wish the Chief with the sanction of  
his Councillers to sign a promissory note for the full  
amount payable on demand as per enclosed promissory  
note.

Yours faithfully,

*Arthur W. de Kock*

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*100/100*



Copy

The Stad  
Mafeking

6<sup>th</sup> April 1911

Resident Commission  
Head Quarters, Mafeking

Sir

I am directed by the Barolong Chiefs and Headmen to inform you that at a meeting of the Barolong people held in the Stad this morning, Chief Lekoko Montsioa was unanimously appointed as acting chief till the rightful chief, <sup>John Montsioa</sup> is of age, and to <sup>request</sup> inform you to <sup>notify</sup> ~~inform~~ you the Government accordingly.

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant.

Silas Tlotlomo



PRETORIA

No. 675/P.718

23rd May 1911.

Appointment of Successor to late  
Chief Badirile Mentsica.

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The CIVIL COMMISSIONER: Mafeking.

In acknowledging the receipt of your Minute No. D.18/1911/4/1 of the 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Minister of Native Affairs has approved of the recognition of Lekoko Mentsica as Acting Chief of the Bora Tsili Barolong in the District of Mafeking and of the payment to him of a temporary allowance at the rate of £100 per annum while so acting to take effect from the 1st instant.

It should be clearly understood that this allowance is a purely temporary one and subject to withdrawal at any time.

(Sgd) G. J. G.

for ACTING SECRETARY FOR  
NATIVE AFFAIRS.



Mafeking, C. S. A.  
May 11, 1911

The Hon. W. P. Schreiner, K.C., C.M.G. &c. &c.  
Cape Town, South Africa

Hon. Sir:

Our friend Mr. Gerrans, who returned here from England a short time back, told us (the chiefs and the people of Barolong Nation) that he had seen you, when passing through Cape Town, and that you had told him to tell us that if any questions we did not understand, re government action, that we were to communicate with you at once. We now find through the "Mafeking Mail" of May 8, 1911, that the members for the Bechuanaland have asked some question in the House, re taking away the power of the Bechuanaland Chiefs, and requesting the Union Government to ask the Imperial Government to put away the conditions, which exist between us re our land and the Imperial Government. We have enclosed "cutting" from the "Mafeking Mail" of the date as above mentioned.

We think that Mr. Burt's answer implies that the Government intends to do some in the matter. If we are right in our thoughts, then we think



... a complete ...  
of confidence on the part of the  
Imperial Government, ... if  
the Imperial Government should  
attempt to do what has been  
suggested by Mr. Wessel.

Hon. Sir, we know that you  
have the best interest of the Nation  
and are desirous that we should  
be treated justly, and, like our  
friend Mr. Gervais we trust you  
will give us right advice. Do  
you think that the government  
will request the Imperial Government  
to do what Mr. Wessel desired?  
If they do, do you think that it  
will be wise for us to get a  
monster petition signed by our  
people, and others who are  
concerned about it, to present same  
to the Imperial Government? Please  
Your Honour, write us on this matter  
at once, because our hearts are  
very sore on it. We have just lost  
our chief through death which  
caused us a lot of trouble, and  
now there is a danger of our  
Imperial Father being asked to  
break confidence with us. This is  
us a lot of anxiety.

Hon. Sir, please excuse us  
chiefs and people for writing  
you on this question. We do so  
because we have confidence  
in you. We trust that you



10 W.  
God  
are,  
(signed)  
all pray in  
bless you  
and Heaven  
We

- Kikoko Moutshon (Chief)
- Joshua Mober (Headman)
- Joseph Taiman
- Elyah Lakoma
- Ephram Molen
- Tateyuna Mokatogore
- Matselona Murumole
- Segomoco Mokyetas
- Murik Lakomas

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA. 14 June 1911.

Go Kgosi e e Tshegeditseng  
Ea Bo-Ra-Tshidi Ba-Rolong  
Lekoko Montshiwa.

Tumedisho,

Molaodi oa Mafoko a Bancho maabane o amogetse Baruti Amos Burnet le George Weavind, ba ba mo neileng lokwalo loa gago loa 5 June; loo ka lona u mo kaelang mafoko a a gatisicweng "Mafeking Mail" ea letsatsi ya 8 May, a go tweng ke karabo ea Mr Burton mo pocong e e beilweng mo Parliamenteng kaga mafoko a Taolo ea Bancho kwa Bevhuanaland. U bua gore mafoko a huduile uena le batho ba gago, me u mo kaela copy ea lokwalo loa Molaodi, Sir Sidney Shippard, kafa a kwaletseng Kgosi Montshiwa, go tlhomamisa tumalano e e dirilweng ka ngwaga oa 1895 ea kafa lefatshe ya Bechuanaland le tla kopangwang le Colony ea Cape of Good Hope, me u lopa gore mafoko a a a lebe ka tlhokomelo.

2. Baruti bao, ka go baea mafoko a gago fa pele ga Motlotlegi, Molaodi oa Mafoko a Bancho, ba buile kaga boemo yoa ga Kgosi e e Tlotlegang Montshiwa le Ba-Rolong mo Pushong ea England le mo Pushong ea Colony; me ka ba tlhomamisa gore go se nne sepe se se ka nnang jaka tumalano eo e fularecwe, me ba re mafoko a kuranta a boifisitse Ba-Rolong gore Pusho e na le maikaelelo a go dira melao e e ke fedisang thata ea bone mo mafokong a morafe oa bone; me ba boifa gore go tla dirwa kwantle ga kgakololano le kwantle ga kico, segolo mo mafokung a naga ea bone.

3. Mr Burton o arabile ka gore ga go nka go diwa sepe se se ka senyang tumalano ea Pusho le Ba-Rolong, jaka kuranta e buile. O sholofeditse Baruti gore Pusho ga e na kgopolo ea go amoga Ba-Rolong thata epe mo nageng e ba e neilweng, lefa e le go dira sepe se se ka fedisang dichwanelo tsa bone, me dicholofeco tse, Molaodi o rata go di tlhomamisa janong ka lokwalo lo, le go tlosa pelaelo eotlhe mo megopolong ea Ba-Rolong.



4. Dikgaolong tse di salang tseno morago, ditlhogo tsa mafoko a lokwalo loa ga Sir Sidney Shippard di tla buiwa ka bongwe le bongwe; me kwa go buiwang kaga dilo tse di sa itumediseng, go se gopolwe gore ke kaea Ba-Rolong ba le bosi, gonne ke dilo tsa merafe eotlhe ea lefatshe ya Bechuanaland. Dilo tse di kwadilwe mo "Bluebooks" tsa ga Dipusho tsa England le tsa Colony. Maikaelelo a cone a kwadilwe mo Lokwalong loa Kamogelo ea Bechuanaland, No 41, loa 1895, me le dichwanelo tsa Ba-Rolong di bile di tshegedicwe ke kgaolwana 135 le 147 ea Kopano ea South Africa, tse di nang le <sup>go</sup> tlosa pelaelo ea gore go tla dirwa ka thata, ka Pusho e se na kgopolo e e ntseng jalo.

5. Tlhogo ea ntlha e tshegetsisa boemo joa melelwane ea naga e le e neilweng, jaka e ne e ntse pele ga Kamogelo; me ke bua gape janong gore Pusho ga e na kgopolo ea go lo amoga naga lefa e le go fedisa thata ea lona. Me go na le mathata a le mantsi a a kgoreletsang bolaodi joa naga, a a bong a se na go itsiwe motlha Molao oa Kamogelo o dirwang. Sa ntlha, Commission e e baakantseng melelwane, e tlogetse ka boomo melelwane e e fa gare. Jana, kafa go itsiweng ka gona, dikgang di le tsa nna gone mo gare ga batho kaga melelwane e e fa gare. Pele ga metlha ea Kamogelo, dikgang tse di ntseng jalo, di ne di baakangwa ke taolo ea Pusho; me gompiteno ga goa nna jalo, fa e se fa batho ba rata go nna jalo. Ke gore, ka ntlha ea Molao oa Kamogelo, Pusho ga e sa na thata ea go baakanya dikgang tse di ntseng jalo, me batho ba ba retelecweng ke go dumalana, ba tsentse dikgetsi tsa bone Kgotleng ea Molao. Ka mokgwa ono, go la ga nna ditsheko di le dintsi, tse di lopileng dituelo tse di botlhoko, tse di welang mo bathung, ba ba sa isteng gore a ke ka ntlha eang fa Pusho e sa ba thuse mathateng a a bokete, ka Pusho e le eone e e nang le bolaodi. Go shucwa ka dikgetsi tsa Badirile le Motseoakhumo, le tsa Badirile le Ramosiane Motlhabane, le tse dingwe, mafelong a mangwe a Bechuanaland. Go mo, go bonagala gore molao o chwanetse go okelediwa, e seng go fetolwa. Sa bobedi, ga twe boemo joa Bancho kafa bo lebaneng le taolo ea Divisional Council, ga bea tlhotlhomisiwa sentle ke Molao oa Kamogelo, me ka ntlha eo go tlhola go le dikgang mo gare ga Pusho le batho; e leng selo se se sa rategeng, se se ka fetolwang fa go ka nna kgakololano mo Dikgosing le batho ba bone ea gore molao o o siamisang



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6. Tlhogo ea Bobedi e tlhomamisa bolaodi joa Dikgosi je ba leng ba nna le jone pele go Kamogelo. Kwantle ga pelaele, se se neng se kaiwa, e ne e le gore ba nne le thata ea go athola ditsheko tsa batho ba bone tsa mekhwa ea Secwana, kafa mekgwa eo e ntseng ka gona. Motlha go dirwang molao o, go be go sa batlege gore go bujwe thata kaga ditsheko tse di sa laolweng ka mekgwa ea Secwana. Go ka kaiwa ka nyalo ea batho ba ba nyalang ka molao oa Bo-Kreste, lefa e le ka



molao oa Cape Colony. Me lefa nyalo e e ntseng jalo e sa tihomamisiwa ka mekgwa ea Secwana, ditlhalo di dirilwe ke Dikgosi tsa Bancho, ba ba sa tshegetsang dikwalo tsa nyalo, me Registrār-General ga a na go kwala tlhomamisho ea tlhalo e e dirilweng ke Kgosi ea Bancho. Me ka mokgwa o o ntseng jalo, go nna dipheretlho di le dintsi, tse di tsenyang batho bothateng, mmogo le bana ba nyalo eo. Gape, ka motlha oa Kamogelo, ga goa kaiwa sentle Dikgosi tse di nang le thata ea go dira jalo. Dikgosana le cone, di tsere thata e, me le Bagolwane ba metse ba dirile jalo, ka go thela bola, ba athola dikge~~ssi~~ tse di ntseng jalo. Me ke ka gona go cogang dipheretlho, fa Kgosi le Kgosana di ka tlhoka tumalano, me mongwe le mongwe oa bone a rata go tlhomamisa taolo ea gagwe. Gape, motlhang oa Kamogelo, go bo go letlelecewe batho go isa tsheko e e ntseng jalo kgotleng e e laolwang ke Magistrate ~~me~~ mmogo le Kgosi e e athotseng tsheko eo. Fa go se tumalano, katlholo e bo e cwa mo go Magistrate eo Mogolo, eo bangwe botlhe ba bong ba letlelecewe go ea kwa go ene. Me jana, kgotla eo ea Magistrate eo Mogolo e fedisicwe, me ka go bisa go utlwana ga Magistrate le Kgosi, go senyege. Ke gona go banagalang gore molao o ga oa siama. Me go batlega phetolo, eo Molaodi oa Bancho a nang le kgopolo ea gore e ka diragala ka ~~kgakololano~~ ea batho mmogo. Go tla nna maikaelelo metlheng e e tlang, fela janong, uena le batho ba gago lo gakololane mmogo kaga mafoko a.

7. Kaga tlhogo ea boraro, e e buang kaga bojalwa, ga loa bua sepe; me go ia ga nna le maikaelelo mo Pushong, a gore go kgorelediwe Bancho botlhe ba Bechuanaland, me gape, gore maikaelelo a a diragale, go wathaiwe eo o rekang kwantle ga molao, mmogo le eo o rekisang kwantle ga molao.

8. Tlhogo ea bone e dirisicwe. Kgosi e setseng Montshiwa morago e shule, me lefa Pusho e ne e sa ipofa ka sepe, Badirile o neilwe tuelo, me jaka u itse, go beilwe taolo ea gore u tla amogela tuelo ea Bogosi, jaka u le Kgosi e e Tshegeditseng ea Bo-Ra-Tshidi, Ba-Rolong.

9. Ga go poco kaga boemo jwa Magistrate oa Mafikeng, jo bo baakanyedicweng mo tlhogong ea botlhano.

10. Ga goa nna phetogo kaga tlhomamisho ea Molao oa Glen Grey, o go buiwang kaga one mo tlhogong ea borataro. Lefa go ntse



jalo, a Ba-Rolong ba tla bo ba sa dire ka botlhale fa ba ka batla mokgwa e ka one Kgotla e e gakololang Kgosi e ka tlhomamisiwa ka molao, e tle e itse go baakanya sentle mafoko a mo gae. Maikaelelo a Molaodi oa Bancho o a baea mo go uena le go Bagakolodi ba gao.

11. Mr Burton o tsene ka botlalo mo mafokung a u a lerileng mo go ene, me gore go se nne pelaelo mo megopolong ea batho ba gao, o lopile Magistrate go nna le pico a Ba-Rolong, le go bala lokwalo lo ponatshegong, a e se a le gu nee.

12. Ka go shwetsa, Mr Burton o ntaotse gore ke tlhomamise cholofeco ea gagwe, ea gore ke go rata ga gagwe, gore fa go ka nna le maikaelelo mo Pushong kgotsa mo bathung a go fetola sengwe, go tla nna le lobaka lo lo tletseng mo bathung loa go gakololana kaga tse di lebanyeng le botshelo joa bone, le loa go di lere mo go ene gore a di tlhokomele. Me jana, u romela ditumedisho tsa gagwe mo go uena le go Ba-Rolong, ka keleco ea gore lo tla tshela ka kagisho le ka tswelopele.

Tsala ea gao

Edward Dower.

Dick Lekoko      Sekgoveroana  
Phetthu Richard      Leteane  
Joseph Tswana      Raberang  
Motsenloso  
Liego  
Boqalo a several others

23 February  
3 March

Recd 16 April  
March



SPENCER MINCHIN. LL.B.

Attorney, Notary,  
AND  
Conveyancer.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "MINCHIN."

P.O. Box 26.

*Mafeking,*

BRITISH BECHUANALAND,

*9. 8. 1911.*

The Paramount Chief Lekoko Montsioa,  
Mafeking.

Dear Chief,

I shall be obliged if

you will bring the matter of the dispute between John

*Sm. Macibi*  
Montsioa and others regarding the destruction of the

Church at Disaneng before the Kgotla to be held on Tues-

day as the case has been long pending and should be

settled as soon as possible.

Your friend,

*S. Minchin*



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Civil Commissioner's Office,  
Mafeking, 27th May, 1911.

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APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TO  
LATE CHIEF BADIRILE MONTSIOA.

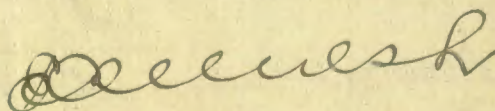
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To Chief Lekoko Montsioa,  
Mafeking Stadt.

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I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Native Affairs has approved of your appointment as Acting Chief of the Bora-Tsili Baralong in this district and has authorised the payment to you while so acting of a temporary allowance at the rate of £100 per annum to take effect from the 1st instant.

It must however be clearly understood that this allowance is a purely temporary one and subject to withdrawal at any time.



Civil Commissioner.



No. ....

Sept 29th 1911

RECEIVED of

Messrs J Robins & ST Place

the sum of

— Sixty Pounds

— Shillings and

— Pence

on acc. Pr the 3rd Sep

S. K. & CO.,

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DE KOCK & DE KOCK,

ATTORNEYS NOTARIES AND  
CONVEYANCERS.

P.O. Box 8.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "DE KOCK."

*Mafeking,*  
*South Africa,*

27th September 1911

Chief Lekoko Montsioa

The Stad

Mafeking

Dear Sir,

re Bond S.T.Plaatje and J.Molema to S.Kemp & Co

We are instructed by Messrs S,Kemp & Co of Mafeking to call upon you to deliver to ourselves or to them by 9 a.m. on Friday morning next the 29th instant the following cattle etc. that is to say - 13 young oxen 2 to 4 years old, 12 cows with calves, 9 heifers 2 to 3 years old, 14 trek oxen, 12 cows and heifers and 1 Bakkies Pump, which you hold with Silas Molema on behalf of our clients as security for the payment of the amount due under the above Bond and which, in terms of the Bond, our clients intend to realise or so much thereof as will settle the amount of £60 owing with interest and costs.

Yours faithfully,

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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Mafeking, October 13, 19

To the Minister of Native Affairs,

Department of Native Affairs,

PRETORIA, T R A N S V A A L.

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THE PETITION OF HEADMEN OF BORA-TSHILI BAROLONG, FOR AN  
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HONOURABLE SIR:--

We, the undersigned, constitute and represent the council of the Bora-Tshili Barolong Headmen, and the Chief's Councillors, living at Mafeking, Native Stadt, in the Bechuana-land Native Reserve. Your obedient servants humbly present unto Your Hon., this, their petition, to be forwarded to the Govern-ment through you, as their father; said petition being in words and figures as follows:--

1. That in the year A. D. 1895, when British Bechuanaland was annexed to the COLONY OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, an agreement was made and entered into by Sir Sidney Shippard on one part, and Chief Montsioa on the other; said agreement stating that Montsioa shall receive from the Government, annual allowance of £300 (Three Hundred Pounds Stng.), and his successor £150 (One Hundred Pounds Stng.). Your Petitioners are proud to state that the Government strictly adhered to, and observed the terms of that agreement. Furthermore, the Government continued to grant to Badirile the sum of £150 per annum, and his successor £100, though they were not parties in said agreement between the Sir Sidney Shippard, for the Government on the one part, and late and respected Chief Montsioa on the other part, as above stated.



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T H E R E F O R E, Your Petitioners most humbly pray the Minister of the Honourable Department of Native Affairs, that an allowance of £300 (Three Hundred Pounds Stng.) per annum be paid to the present Acting Chief, his successors forever, as long as the Bechuana remain a nation living in the Reserve as stated above; and Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

We have the honour to be Sir,

Your Most Humble and Obedient Servants,

Signed:-

- Stephen Sipungu - - - - - PP Jshua Molena  
 PP. Tego Tawane - - - - - " Motolone Morunaha  
 " Elirja Lekoma - - - - - " Issah Motshagare  
 " Issah Mokogetu - - - - - " Lela T. Molena



Mafeking, October 12, 1911,

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Office of the Inspector of

Native Reserves

Mafeking

20th November 1911.

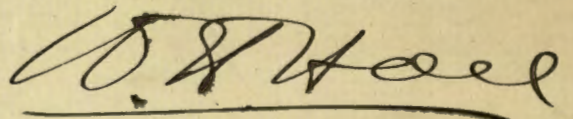
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9th December 1911.

Fence between Mafeking and Getlagoli Reserves.  
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As tenders will shortly be called for to construct the above fence, and specifications will in the meantime have to be framed, I have to request that you will be good enough to inform me what class of fence you wish put up, whether of barbed or plain wire. Let me know as early as possible, please, as Mr. Ashton will proceed to flag off the line immediately after New Year. In the meantime tenders can be invited.

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W.H. HALL.

Acting Inspector of Native Reserves.



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there would be given ample opportunity to the Barolong to lay before the Government their thoughts and feelings touching matters affecting their interests as a nation. We, your humble and obedient servants, therefore pray that you will give effect to the promise contained in your esteemed letter, above referred to, and grant us an opportunity of expressing our desires to the Government. And may we suggest that the representative of the Government in this matter be our honoured Magistrate, E. C. Welsh, Esq., who like the former magistrates knows the difficulties, disabilities and hardships that the Barolong would incur if the regulations above stated are carried out in every detail, and whose sympathy the nation is assured.

We have the honour to be, Honourable Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Paramount Chief of the Barolong Nation.

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Chiefs and Councillors.



Mafeking.

Bechuanaland.

22 November 1911.

To The Honourable

The Minister of Native Affairs

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Pretoria.

Greeting,

We, the Paramount Chief and Councillors of the <sup>Chief</sup> Ba-Rolong <sup>Barolong</sup> Nation (Bo-Ra-Tshidi), humbly beg to bring to your notice a communication received from Mr. W. H. Hall, Acting Inspector of Native Reserves, and enclosing an extract of the FOREST REGULATIONS appearing in Government Notice No 1834, published in the "Union Gazette" No. 167 of 7th November 1911. We desire, especially, to refer to the following list of charges for the issue of Licences, payable to the Civil Commissioner or Inspector of Reserves :

- (a) Minimum charge for issue of a Licence . -/6 each.
- (b) Head loads or bundles . . . . . -/6 ,,
- (c) Poles less than 9 (nine) inches girth at  
butt end -/6 ,,
- (d) Poles 9 inches, but less than 12" . . . -/9 ,,
- (e) Poles 12 inches, but less than 15" . . . 1/- ,,
- (f) Poles 15 inches or more in girth . . . 1/6 ,,
- (g) Firewood (green) per wagon load . . . . 5/- ,,
- (h) Firewood (dry) ,, ,, ,, . . . . 2/6 ,,
- (i) Branch wood for kraals, small or crooked  
wood, per wagon load . .10/- ,,
- (j) Branch wood for kraals, per sledge load. 2/6 ,,

2. Our object in approaching you, Honourable Sir, is to call attention to the serious hardship that will be imposed upon the native people residing within the Ba-Rolong Reserve through the carrying out of the above Regulations in every detail; and to ask you, most respectfully, to consider <sup>our</sup> the petition we now make to you.

3. Hitherto, there has been no restriction, such as is intended by the enforcing of these FOREST REGULATIONS; but the Paramount Chief has carefully guarded against all wanton destruction of trees and bushes within the Ba-Rolong Reserve; it being clearly understood







understood that only such wood as was absolutely necessary required for domestic purposes should be cut.

4. Without going fully into all the details of the disabilities that will arise from the carrying out of the Government Regulations we respectfully point out that, the wide extent of the Ba-Rolong Reserve, the long distances to be covered in obtaining licences, and the large number of natives living within the Reserve, will impose many difficulties and hardships, arising, chiefly, out of the poverty of the people, whose earning power is very limited.

5. During the late war, a considerable tract of country was denuded of trees by order of the military authorities, as a measure of safety to the town of Mafeking; and with this very necessary work, the Ba-Rolong were in full sympathy, rendering such assistance as was called for.

6. We are fully aware that these Regulations are not new; but the fact that they have remained inoperative until now, and that they are to be acted upon at such short notice, gives them <sup>with</sup> all the force and surprise contained in new legislation. Some years back, when Mr. Green was the Magistrate at Mafeking, notice was given that the Regulations would be enforced; but upon our most earnest representation, the Government very kindly granted our petition, and the law was allowed to remain in abeyance. The same kindness was shown on another occasion, and we were comforted and re-assured.

7. With the same spirit of consideration, the Government has hitherto allowed the Dog Tax and the hunting of game to remain in abeyance.

In your considerate and highly valued letter of June 1911, we were greatly encouraged by the promise that, whether with regard to old and new legislation, or whether with regard to any new law in contemplation, there would be given ample opportunity to the Ba-Rolong to lay before the Government their thoughts and feelings on matters affecting their interests as a nation.

*but Mr Green knowing the difficulties and hardships that would befall upon the Ba-Rolong said regulations*



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7. In your considerate and highly valued letter of the 14th. June 1911, we were greatly encouraged by your repeated promise that, whether with regard to old and unenforced legislation, or whether with regard to any new law in contemplation,



effect to the promise contained in your esteemed letter, and grant us an opportunity of expressing our views to the Government: and respectfully suggest that the matter may be submitted to the representative of the Government, our honoured Magistrate, Mr. E. C. Welsh, who knows the difficulties, and hardships that the Barolong would incur if the regulations above stated are strictly carried out



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