

Lehuratse, July 16. 1881.

Chief Montshiwa,

My friend,

I shall not be able to
 visit you before I go to Pretoria. I regret this
 exceedingly, but I have this day received a
 letter from Government shortening the time
 which was allowed before the Royal
 Commission should have an interview with
 the chiefs.

I am directed to inform the Chiefs
 that the Royal Commission has appointed
 Saturday the 30th of July - and that it will
 be no use coming later, as the Commissioners
 intend to take their departure from Pretoria
 on Monday, the 1st of August.

Each Chief or his representative
 who comes is requested to bring with him
 not more than six persons in attendance.

If you still intend to be
 represented at the Meeting, you can
 do so, ~~as~~ but I don't urge it as your son
 is already there, and from a letter which
 I received after I wrote to you before, I
 have reason to hope that the Royal
 Commission will have granted him an
 interview.

I am, with greetings to you and
 your family

Your friend,

John Smith Moffat;
 Native Commissioner, N. Border.

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