

better natives with a better future.

Hope to get a speedy reply from you, as all my neighbours are ~~keep~~ feeling the same way as I do.

rather take them on, pay them, feed them & care for them personally.

Some of my neighbours will even take on whole families.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yrs faithfully,  
Mrs P.B. Botha.



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MILNER PARK,  
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Oct. 22. 1948.

Dr. A. B. Xuma.  
104 Eue Street  
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I am sending you a cheque  
for £5. for your Drought Relief  
Fund, to help you in arranging  
relief for the Africans who have  
been badly hit by the drought.

Yours faithfully

H. H. Paine.

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22nd October, 1945.

Dr. A. B. Xuma, M. D., D. F. H.,  
President-General (A. N. C.)  
104, End Street,  
Johannesburg.

Dear President,

Very pleased with Mother's visit, though we have learned with profound regret her inability to be present Sunday next.

With regard membership cards, I have to again repeat what I have said in my previous letters; that Bloemfontein being a province, it will be imperative to give us enough stationery, so as to be able to supply the outside branches.

This time, I shall require you to bring along 10,000 cards, 500 African Claims and 1,000 constitutions, the last named is very important because of its demands.

Mother's fare will be settled when you come down on the 28th inst.

Yours in the African cause.

*S. M. Elias*  
Provincial Secretary.



Ref. RENTS.  
ABX/ARM.

22nd October, 1945

The Secretary for Native Affairs,  
 Native Affairs Department,  
 Z.A.S.M. House,  
 PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

HARDSHIPS OCCASIONED BY OPERATION OF  
 RENTS ACT No. 33 OF 1942 AT SOPHIATOWN,  
 MARTINDALE & NEWCLARE, JOHANNESBURG.

I have been asked by many standholders at the abovementioned Townships to call your attention to hardships caused by the application of the Rents Act in these Townships.

It is complained that:-

- (a) The terms of Section five of the Rent Act No. 33 of 1942 are not applied uniformly on all standowners.
- (b) The terms are applied in a manner detrimental to the interests of standowners.
- (c) The standowners often learn about any alleged complaints by tenants about rents charged only after the rents are reduced and they are required to refund a small or large sum from rent received retrospectively as well as indemnity for expenses (of the tenants) in connection with the lodging and hearing of the complaints.
- (d) The rent in many cases is reduced to an amount less than the instalments on bond and other charges.
- (e) The rates and other expenses have about doubled during the war and rent reduced to below expenditure on property.
- (f) The tenants sub-let rooms leading to overcrowding, insanitary conditions and consumption of large quantities of water.

The result of this procedure is that :-

- (a) Many property owners are unable to meet their instalments on bonds and other expenses, connected with the property.
- (b) Many have been forced to take additional bonds to help them meet current expenses in connection with their properties.
- (c) Many are in danger of losing their properties to bondholders.

It is most respectfully urged that the operation of the Act be reviewed with due regard to the complaints mentioned above so that justice can be done to both tenants and property owners.

Detailed examples can be given at an interview which is requested with the Minister by representatives of property owners.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.



Ref. 37/42.  
ABX/ARM.

22nd October, 5.

The Secretary for Native Affairs,  
Z.A. S. M. House,  
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

HARDSHIPS OCCASIONED BY OPERATION OF  
RENTS ACT No. 33 of 1942.

I have been asked by many standholders



ABX 451023a

Ref. NAW.  
ABX/ ARM.

23rd October, 5.

Mr. Z. K. Matthews,  
Fort Hare,  
ALICE.

Dear Mr. Matthews,

I thank you for your letter of the 16th instant and the enclosed "draft memorandum".

I shall treat the draft memo in terms of your suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL



ABX. 4510236

A.N.C

Ref: HQ.  
ABX/ARM.

23rd October, 1945.

Dr. P. ka I. Seme,  
P. O. Box 7943,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Re: Shop-keeper's Blind - Rosenberg Arcade.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 19th instant.

I regret to inform you that I know nothing about this matter and I am not concerned in it.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.



ABX. 451023c

P.O. Box 35,  
Orlinda North.

23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1945.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104 End Street,  
Johannesburg.

Sir,

Please accept this contribution  
to the Drought Relief Fund.

yours faithfully,  
(Mrs.) G. Gregory.

(10)



302 Kilkenny Court  
82 de Villiers St.  
Johannesburg

Dear Dr Xuma,

In answer to  
your appeal in the "Star" of Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
for donation to a Drought-Relief  
Fund, I am enclosing herewith  
cheque for £30.00.

Trusting that your appeal  
will receive the support such a  
cause so worthily deserves.

Yrs faithfully  
H.H. Sacks.

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Social Welfare - Drought Relief Fund.

ASX-451023d

23rd October, 1945.

Mr. F.R.Paver,  
Editor,  
The Star,  
P.O. Box 1014,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Paver,

In response to the appeal for Drought Relief Fund which appeared in The Star of Saturday the 20th instant, we wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations :-

Mrs Thea R. Fleiser	£7. 7. 0.
M r. H. M. Sacks	3. 0. 0.
Mr. H. H. Paine	5. 0. 0.
Dr. & Mrs A. B. Xuma	10.10. 0.
Mr. Thos. Matthews	<u>1. 0. 0.</u>

£26.17. 0.

and would prefer cheques made out to Drought Relief Fund, c/o Dr. A. B. Xuma, 104, End Street, Johannesburg instead of to Dr. A.B.Xuma personally.

We propose to open a Drought Relief Account with the National Bank of S.A. Ltd., Commissioner Street East, Johannesburg.

Yours sincerely,

for DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



Social Welfare - Drought Relief Fund

ABX. 951024a

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Mr. G.R. Kuzwayo,  
Africans Own P. & P. Ltd.,  
Marshall Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Kuzwayo,

We thank you for your donation of 1,000  
letterheads towards the Drought Relief Fund. Up to time  
of writing we have received over £25.0.0.

Yours sincerely,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 4510246

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Mr. H. H. Paine,  
Witwatersrand University,  
Milner Park,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing a donation of £5.0.0. (Five Pounds) to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find our official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 451024c

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Mrs T. R. Fleiser,  
64, Sunbury Court,  
Claim Street,  
Hillbrow,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing a donation of £7.7.0. to the above fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX.451024d

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Mr. H. H. Sacks,  
302, Killkenny Court,  
82, Devilliers Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

RE DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter enclosing a donation of £3.0.0. (three pounds) to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find official receipt for the donation.

Yours faithfully,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 951024e

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Mr. Thos. Matthews,  
16, Princess Street,  
Belgravia,  
JOHANNESBURG/

Dear Sir,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter enclosing a cheque for £1.0. . (One Pound) to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find receipt.

Yours faithfully,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 951024f

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Dr. & Mrs C. V. Anderson,  
61, St. Patrick Road,  
Houghton Estate,  
JOLIA NESBURG.

Dear Sir & Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your cheque for Two Guineas to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find our official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 451024 g

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Mrs P. B. Botha,  
Fairview,  
Materval Boven.

Dear Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant.

I am forwarding your letter to the Chairman of relief committees in the areas concerned and am advising them to communicate direct with you.

Yours faithfully,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 451024h

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Miss F. E. Holden,  
c/o Miss L. E. Troughton,  
The High School for Girls,  
POTCHELSTROOM.

Dear Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your cheque per Miss Troughton, for £2.10.6d (Two pounds ten shillings and sixpence) to the above-mentioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought-stricken areas.

Enclosed please find receipt.

Yours faithfully,

fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 451024c

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

The Accountant,  
Barclay's Bank (D.C. & O.) Ltd.,  
Commissioner Street East,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

In pursuance of our telephonic conversation of even date re the above subject, I propose to open immediately Account No. 2, in my name, in which will be deposited, for the time being, only donations to the above fund.

Please give bearer necessary papers for my completion.

Yours faithfully,



ABX. 451024 j

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

The Staff,  
The Girls High School,  
POTCHEPSTROM.

Dear Sirs & Madams,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of £2.15.0 postal orders forwarded to the Fund by Miss Troughton on your behalf.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find our official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

for DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX-451024k

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Miss L. E. Troughton,  
The High School for Girls,  
Potchefstroom.

Dear Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 20th instant enclosing a cheque for £5.0.6 (Five Pounds and sixpence) to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find our official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

for DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



ABX. 451029 l

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 1945.

Mrs C. E. Moore,  
5, Kilkenny Road,  
Parkview,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing your cheque for £1.0.0. (One pound) to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

for: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND



ABX. 451024m

ABX/ARM.

24th October, 5.

Chief Tshekedi Khama,  
P. O. Serowe, B.P.

My dear Chief & Friend,

Re: INCORPORATION OF PROTECTORATES  
INTO THE UNION.

Enclosed please find copies of correspondence between Mr. Z.K. Matthews and myself on the above matter.

Although the matter is not closed I thought I should send you a copy of my letter which in the light of the enclosed reply was misunderstood and according to the reply I am made to say that you suggested that the matter be held back.

From my point of view I find nothing that suggests this. However, if in your opinion the idea is implied, I express regret for the incidence. All my reference to holding back referred to our conversation with Councillor Champion and not to yours and mine as this was after all these other hurdles have been jumped.

We are proceeding with the preparation of the proposed memorandum.

With greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.



Mphahuli Memorial  
School P. O. Sibasa  
N. Transvaal  
24th October 1945.

Dr. A. B. Xuma  
104 End Street  
Johannesburg.

Dear Doctor,

I am moved  
by your appeal (Distress in Native  
areas) which was published in  
the Star of the 20th instant and  
in which you ~~sympth~~ sympathise  
with those in drought stricken  
areas. I am one who tackles the  
rain problem at Sibasa and  
though I worked and lived in  
J.H.Burg, there has not been  
for 23 years,



serious drought here since my  
return home ~~on~~ the 24th April 1943.  
If the chiefs and the indunas  
of the said areas could agree  
with you, as the President General  
of the African National Congress  
and me as a rain maker, I think  
something can be done to save the  
people, the livestock, <sup>and</sup> etc from  
the terrible natural scourge.

The people cannot buy rain from  
Heaven, but they can pay the  
rain maker for making rain  
and though it is very  
difficult to tackle the  
problem, I wish to be  
given a trial.

I remain,  
yours truly

James R. K. ~~Allen~~  
Nemakope.



ABX. 451026a

ABX/ARM.

26th October, 1945.

Mrs I. E. Gregory,  
P. O. Box 35,  
ALLIHAL NORTH.

Dear Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing a cheque for £2.2.0 (Two pounds two shillings) to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find our official receipt.

Yours faithfully,


fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.



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