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 CONTINUATION COMMITTEE IS ORGANISING PETITION FOR INNES PRESENT
 JOINT SITTING ON BEHALF NATIVES ALSO MONSTER
 PROTEST MEETING CITY HALL TUESDAY EVENING NEXT AND
 STRONGLY DESIRE PRESENCE OLIVER SCHREINER AS SPEAKER PLEASE
 APPROACH WIRE REPLY STOP GOVERNMENT PROBABLY AGREEING PROVIDE
 FARES THIRTYTWO NATIVE MEMBERS BLOEMFONTIN CONVENTION
 COMMITTEE MEET HERE EIGHTEENTH AND CONTINUATION COMMITTEE
 DESIRES ASSIST WITH SUBSISTENCE ALSO SECURE CONTINUOUS ATTENDANCE
 SIX OF THESE MEMBERS AT CAPETOWN DURING JOINT SITTINGS
 SECOND READING FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH FINAL STAGE PROBABLY MONTH LATER

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Schreuer unable attend meeting wed.
 Tuesday stop Please return TR
 memorandum immediately for
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 and small committee meeting tomorrow
 evening to discuss allocation funds
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1. Expenses of Public Protest Meeting
2. " of Hall for Native Delegation.
3. " Brookes
4. " Self during Feb.
5. " Honoraria for Shows.
Cates.

6. Expenses of Natives

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TEL. ADD.:

"CAMHOTEL," CAPE TOWN.

Cambridge Hotel,

Milnerton-on-Sea.

6/2/36

My dear Aileen:

I have just had phoned to me by the Post Office your wire in reply to my long wire of yesterday - thanks. I have increased a certain amount of expense in anticipation of the money mentioned by Anita being available. The protest meeting on Tuesday is being well advertised - & sandwich & portecarto will be used. The Committee is finding it difficult to get really good speakers here. Sir James Rose does not seem to be receiving for the petition to Parliament. I will not speak ^{at} ~~the~~ ~~meeting~~ & to Parliament. Sir Jackson is not popular. I have suggested Walker Webster. I have refused to speak as I don't want to compromise the Institute.

I spent a good deal of time today on the petition. Coulter has it in hand. He engaged, or tried to engage him professionally, but he said he couldn't help us on a professional basis but would present the petition & prepare it pro deo. He is by far the ablest man I know for working up a case & presenting it, but of course the Dominion Party is unpopular. I have suggested that Senator Malan be asked to co-operate with him, i.e. to second the motion to introduce the petition. Coulter dropped the petition with us this morning & ^{consequently} ~~consequently~~ ^{consequently} ~~consequently~~ the most knowledgeable assistant clerk of the House of Assembly - this is strictly private - & so far as we can see there are no technical difficulties in the way of the petition. Coulter

is deeply impressed by the importance of this move. He thinks it is going to shake up the House at the P.D. thing. I hear from other quarters that the petition - with Sir James speaking - is already making M.P.s very uncomfortable. I think this is the biggest single move in the attack on the Bills. Herzog is a sick man already & I wonder how well he'll take this move; it will be exciting & must upset him. The petition I organised on the Colons Bar in 1926 got him into a frenzy. I sincerely hope the task of presenting the petition will not be too much for Sir James.

In your wire you ask me to return Ramnija memorandum. It hasn't come yet, but I wonder whether we couldn't have it done by Ribbink who is the most competent translator I know. There's no time to lose in posting the document to Ny & getting it printed etc.

We also think there should be short pungent leaflets. Can you draft short one or two page leaflets suitable to the poor intelligence of M.P.s?

Jabavu has been on the phone. Smit has agreed, or rather the Minister for Native Affairs has agreed, that the fees of the 32 members of the Commission appointed by the Bloemfontein Convention be paid by the post to enable them to come to C.S. to meet here on the 18th. Evidently the deputation to the Prime Minister must have led the Gov. to think that if the Com. could meet it would be able to put forward alternatives. I enclose a cutting from the Cape Times. Is it possible that this press account will give the

* Smit specially asked the delegates not to mention this to the press.

TELEPHONES:

5-1517

5-1518

Cambridge Hotel,

Milnerton-on-Sea.

TEL. ADD.:

"CAMHOTEL," CAPE TOWN.

impression that the Natives are weakening on the Vote question. I have suggested to Jabaque that when the Committee meets it should use the opportunity to issue a ~~of~~ declaration to the Press re-affirming their opposition to the abolition of the Vote & keep strictly confidential any decisions they may reach as regards alternatives. They will have to be very circumspect. For example, Payne tells me that Jabaque agreed ~~it~~ that if the Cape vote goes, he will be satisfied with three representatives in the Assembly to represent the Cape Natives ^{selected} only on a personal roll. That is to say, he was prepared to throw overboard the claims of the Northern Natives who have loyally stood by the Cape Natives. I have warned him of the likely repercussions of such a move & I think he realises that he put his foot into it. I can see that I shall have to keep pretty close to the Native delegates when they come down. By the way Jabaque has asked me to find a hall for them. I think that the Stoddington Hall would be the best, i.e. the Committee Room downstairs. The lavatory arrangements are satisfactory & they would be near the Parkside Lewis hotel for meals, & not far from Parliament. I could, if need be, ~~be~~ work in the small room upstairs. I take it I can draw on the funds for this too.

The Continuation Committee of the Conference has asked me to wire to Brookes to ask if he will come to address the City Hall pocket

F meeting as Schroiner can't come. His expenses
have of course have to be paid & I have
only provisionally offered him expenses. On
setting his up I'll ask you to authorise the
expenditure. My advice to Molten was
to try Walker Webber, but old Debold is
a stickler for form & he says that we
have no authority from the Committee to
~~try~~ ask Webber - who is here now. Carpenter
is very short of speakers outside the
M.P.s. - Malan feels that he rather M.P.s
ought not to speak at the protest
meeting. The Committee discussed
your name, but I hope you will not
mind that I did not encourage this
as in view of the discussion at the
Council meeting. But it may be that
they will be stuck for a speaker &
will again turn to you.

All this political business
is very disturbing. So what I will I can't
set time to ~~write~~ go into the question
of money for the Institute. I do hope once
the initial stages regarding the petition etc
are over I shall be free, but I've just
had a wire from Firestone that he
arrives in the morning & leaves on
Friday - & this will ^{keep me} keep me occupied.
He wants to see some nice people.

TELEPHONES:

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5-1518

TEL. ADD.:

"CAMHOTEL," CAPE TOWN.

Cambridge Hotel,

Milnerton-on-Sea.

Last night I had a long meeting over the troubles of the Coloured Mammal, but I hope that the Council can now make a fresh start. I'm to address the revived Council on the 27th - the first date they could manage.

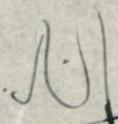
Professor Watson & his wife were present & we are to meet next week.

I do hope you & Mrs Stoermlé are now fit again. What is the news of your brother-in-law?

We are fairly fit - but suffer from a good deal of insomnia. The weather is cool & this flat is really ideally comfortable as flats go. We couldn't have done half as well elsewhere in the Peninsula.

Kindest greetings to
Mrs Stoermlé, yourself & Murray

Yours



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H. Hardy, Esq.,
 P.O. Box 1331,
 Johannesburg.

*10,000 of each
 cut out please.*

*Mansbridge Hotel
 Milnerbar
 #. 2-1936*

Dear Mr Hardy,

Many thanks for your note of the 31st. This morning the Committee appointed by the Conference on the Native Bills met & I informed them that a Johannesburg friend was prepared to provide funds ^{effort to sit} for the amendment or postponement of the Native Bills. As a result of your discussions followed up by a meeting with the Native delegation of the Bloemfontein Convention I sent a long wire to our office to be communicated to you & Isaacson.

To begin with I should say that all the activities are being conducted by the Committee, ~~with~~ the secretarial work having been undertaken by Advocates Molteno & Reay - two capable & keen men. I refused to do this work as the Institute Council decided to express no opinion on the Bills, but at the request of the Committee I am available as Adviser, & my wife, in her individual capacity is a member of the Comm^{ee}. I have given the Committee a good deal of information & advice on the proposed petitions to Parliament, & the Committee is consulting Coulter, M.P. professionally on the procedure, scope, etc. The petition will have to be very carefully organized, but the Bloemfontein has asked the Centre Com. to take charge of the whole business.

The Centre Com. has already taken steps to organize a big public meeting. I declined to speak because I did not want to compromise the Institute. As the wire will have told you they want Schooner to come; if he can't, then Brookes - & the latter's expenses at least will have to be paid. If they can't get Brookes they will

want Herold.

As you will by now have seen in the "Star", the Prime Minister has received the ^{executive of the} Rhoemph delegation, but has not budget in so far as the franchise clause or the possibility of delay is concerned. But he has agreed to give consideration to any amendments they may put up. & finally, the Secretary for Native Affairs has agreed to put up ^{to the Treasury} a request for rail fares for the 32 members of ^{the} Committee to come to Cape Town to consider amendments to the Bills. Before the Com. Con. heard of this, it had decided to urge the Natives to arrange for a small group being here all through the discussions on the Bills since there will be many amendments to be put up & they ought to be on the spot to consider any situation that may arise. If the Natives get their train fares paid it will be a great help (although I am wondering whether Herold has not cleverly cut the ground from under the opposition to the abolition of the franchise & by getting them to discuss alternatives to the vote) as regards the expense of ^{getting &} keeping them here. I put down £100 as the probable cost.

There will be some honoraria due to the two trustees, who have agreed to be engaged professionally, but who will be glad to be offered ^{any} honorarium each if they do the work we expect of them. I should think £200 ~~also~~ will cover the total expense here. Perhaps my wife & I can legitimately charge our expenses to this special fund rather than to the Institute. As a matter of fact, I am kept so hard at it (this telephone here is almost monopolised by us when we are in) that I have so far found it impossible to go begging for money as I had intended. The Bills call for untroubled attention.

Please tell Mr. Donaldson that his next generous offer has come at a critical moment, and so far as the Native delegation is concerned, at a moment when they can be most useful to their people. Sir James Rose Innes, Sir Clarkson Dredgell and I keep ⁱⁿ close touch & I can get their advice

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in regard to ~~help~~ using the money for any purpose. I should be grateful, by the way, to have a £100 transferred to me here at Standard Bank as soon as possible.

I quite forget to ask Jabavu about the pamphlets, but I'll do so in the morning.

Could you tell me, in confidence, just what Mr. Donaldson is proposing to do for the Institute in his Trust Fund. I am not clear about it. I suppose he wouldn't vest funds in the Institute now that it has been restructured as an incorporated body. Any way, whatever he does in this way, his generous gift of £500 is a real god send to the Natives at this time - (By the way, I haven't told anyone but Sir (Cartson, Sir James & the trustees, what the amount is that is available).

Please excuse this hurried scrawl. I have just come in at the end of a long & tiring day & must go out again this evening to meet a few people on some urgent & hurried questions - Every night this week is engaged! I want this letter to catch the first post. Perhaps you could tell Haerndt its contents.

Your own invaluable services are most gratefully appreciated.

With both end greetings
Yours
D.J.

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Johannesburg,
Transvaal.
7/2/36.

Mr Saffley }

I have received £250 from Col Donaldson on account of the Native Bills Campaign to be used in accordance with program outlined in my letter to him - copy sent you earlier today.

I shall keep this money in my own Trust A/c and will pay bills certified correct by you.

I have a letter from Jones asking for £100 to be sent to him but will not reply till I have word from you after you have shown Hoernli enclosed letter.

In any case I do not think it advisable to leave the spending to Jones on the spot as I have already saddled Hoernli, Schreiner, Ramsbottom & you with my joint responsibility.

You can get me any time at the house out of office hours - office in afternoon only please.

H.

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Johannesburg,
7/7/36, Transvaal.

A. Saffery }

As Jabavu had written to Donaldson
for assistance I have dealt with the
matter and at the same time
sent Donaldson a brief outline of
program

H.

CONFIRMATION

HARDY

JABAVU
Fort Hare
Alice

In terms your letter to
friend please proceed Capetown
and I will refund expenses

John D. Hardy
7/2/36

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7th February, 1936.

Colonel J. Donaldson,
New Mines House,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Colonel Donaldson,

At a meeting at my house last night attended by Hoernalb, Schreiner, Ramsbottom and Saffery, we decided we could make good use of your offer by:-

(a) Maintaining half a dozen of the leaders from the Bloemfontein Native Conference, in Cape Town during the session. Jabavu is one of the leaders.

(b) Printing and distributing propaganda by Sir James Rose-Innes, Schreiner and Ramsbottom.

(c) Printing and distributing, for subsequent despatch by electors in every constituency, letters addressed to individual members of Parliament protesting at the salient features of the Bills.

We are assured of active support of several Religious denominations in this work.

I have telegraphed to Jabavu that he can proceed to Cape Town at once and account to me for his expenses.

Under the above headings we estimate our expenditure at (a) £150, (b) £100, (c) £100, in addition to which we shall have some salaries and office expenses to pay for the extra staff required to get things done in the short time at our disposal.

If you approve of above or can suggest anything else I shall be pleased to discuss same with my colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Incl. Sabarivioletten to you

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The Pietermaritzburg Society for the Welfare of Natives.

P.O. Box 335,

Pietermaritzburg,

14th February, 1936.

A. Lynn Saffery Esq.,
P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Saffery,

Thank you for your letter of the 11th instant.
I have never ^{before} had occasion to query any action taken by
the Consultative Committee, but I must say both Major
Hunt and I disagree entirely with the proposed letters.
If I was a Member of Parliament and got one of the letters
I would, to say the least, put it in the waste~~d~~ paper
basket. The other is not quite so bad. However, if I
come across any people who are likely to sign such a
letter, I shall certainly give them the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

R. Hughes Mason

9 Alhara Road,
Bethlehem O. P. S.

17. 2. 86.

A. Hughes Saffery,
Hua Lee.

Consultative Committee of Joint Council.

Dear Mr Saffery,

Your returning the form sent me duly filed in, with the agreement of the Executive which met primarily for the purpose of discussing the best way of getting the Native Bill passed & agreed by the Ridge people.

It was decided that the Secretary approach various members of the Community interested in the Native Bill. This morning I was forced to interview my Chairman on the matter, because, as I expected, the feeling of everyone interested seemed to be that it would be dangerous to interfere with anything of a political nature, which is what it would amount to. The position is much more difficult in the Free State & in consequence we feel that we should obtain further advice. It is feared that

even some Joint Council members will
not care to sign, more especially, in a
small town like Bellislehen & further more
represented by a nationalist member of
Parliament. So far with all my
effort I have succeeded in gaining one
signature only.

I am sorry about this but feel you will
appreciate our difficulties. I hope to
hear from you within a day or two.

Yours sincerely,

McRae

Secretary
Bellislehen Joint
Council

cc/

18th February, 1936.

Mrs. E.M. Edwards,
9 Atbara Road,
BETHLEHEM,
Orange Free State.

Dear Mrs. Edwards,

Thank you for the trouble you have taken to get the "protest letters" signed. I am sorry you have had so little success, but I realise the difficulties you have had to encounter. In any case, I do not think the forwarding of the letters would have made much difference to the views of your local Member of Parliament!

Over 20,000 letters have been circulated, the large majority having been sent to Members of Parliament representing the more important urban areas, and I think they are the people who are most likely to be influenced by them. It seems, now, however, that there is every chance of a compromise being effected on the major issue of the abolition of the Cape Native Franchise, in which case the letters have very little further use. We are, therefore, holding up the distribution of them until we have more accurate information than at present as to what is happening at Cape Town. In the meantime, I would suggest that you do not bother further about getting the letters I sent you signed.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

HONORARY SECRETARY

ALS/ML.

CC/

18th February, 1936.

R. Hughes Mason, Esq.,
P.O. Box 335,
PIETERMARITZBURG,
Natal.

Dear Mr. Mason,

NATIVE BILLS

Your letter of the 14th concerning the letters to Members of Parliament, on the Native Bills, came as rather a shock just when we were feeling very pleased with ourselves at the reception the letters were receiving in various parts of the country! I am sorry that you do not like the terms of the letters, but the committee which drafted them came to the conclusion that these letters would be the most effective way of fighting the proposed abolition of the Cape Native Franchise. This method was used partly because it has proved most successful in combating undesirable legislation in England and other countries, and partly because the committee could think of no better method for use in the short time at its disposal. We estimate that over 20,000 of these letters have already been transmitted to Members of Parliament, and we feel sure that their cumulative effect will be of great importance in combating the Bills.

Several short critical pamphlets on the Bills are in the process of being printed for circulation among Members of Parliament. I shall send you copies as soon as they are available though there may be some delay as the pamphlets are being printed in Cape Town and supplies will have to be railed to me here.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

ALS/ML.

Honorary Secretary

The Pietermaritzburg Society for the Welfare of Natives.

P.O. Box 335,

Pietermaritzburg,

19th February 1936.

A. Lynn Saffery, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1176,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

Dear Mr. Saffery,

Re. Native Bills.

Thank you for your letter of the 18th instant. Although we differ I am sure we will do so "with charity".

I hope you are pleased about the compromise which has been arrived at on the subject of the Cape Franchise.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Hughes Mason

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