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Lichtenburg May 5th 1848
To the Barolong Chief
Monticou

Mafiseng Molopo

My friend This morning
I received your letter of the 3rd Inst.
You have done well by complying
with the demands ^{I made, on behalf of Government} of the South Africa
Republic to release the men and cattle &c
of Machabei's people who have come to reside
at Polfontein with regard to the remaining
statements of your letter, I must inform
you, that I do not for a moment admit
their correctness, nor acknowledge that
Polfontein, and the farms adjoining it are
as you assert within your Territory, and
that therefore your consent is required to
give any one the right to go and live there

I am

Your friend
Samuel Melvill

Agent for Native Affairs

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