

Kimberley Decr 24 1853

To Commission

Chief of the Bantling

At Irfuka

Respected Chief

We received your letter and are glad to hear of your continued attachment to our Church. We have carefully and prayerful considered the necessities of your Station, and we are desirous to do whatever we can to help you, and your people in all good things, but especially by preaching the Gospel of God, and by the establishment of schools throughout your whole country.

But we are anxious to show to the great Ministers of our Church in England that you and your Government are favorable to our work - and that you wish it to be continued on a firm foundation -

Yours Most truly that  
-sionaries

Missionaries die, and that chiefs also die, and that great changes take place among the Nations, and in the circumstances of the people. Owing to this great sorrows, troubles, and losses will surely come to any great work which is not clearly and properly settled from the beginning.

Now the Rules of our Church in England are, does Missionary promise First. That the Missionary have full liberty to carry on his work throughout the whole tribe and country.

2<sup>nd</sup> That suitable sites for Churches, Schools, Houses, &c. be, in some way, secured to our Missionary Society.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the locality in which the Missionary shall reside shall be fixed by the District Meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> That the Missionary committee shall have full liberty to introduce

and utilize Native Agency whenever  
it may be deemed desirable to do  
so.

If the Chief Mission will agree  
to do this, Mr. Palmer will ask the  
Missionary Committee to send a good  
Missionary without delay to reside  
with your people.

From this time Malopo  
will be under the direction of the  
Ministers in the Transvaal. Bloem-  
fontein is very far from you, but  
by being placed under the care  
of the Transvaal District which  
is nearer to Malopo you will  
be better cared for.

We send you our <sup>hearty</sup> salutations  
and pray that every blessing  
of this life, and of the better  
life may be granted to you.  
We wish your people  
every blessing. The greatest

Blessing a Nation. Can have  
is a chief that loves and  
fears God.

On behalf of the Ministers  
assembled in the District  
Meeting

Henry S. Barton  
Chairman,

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