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My Dear Councillor Champion/

The Local Advisory Board is moving to arrange a reception if the Hall will be available. The Durban **Town Clerk** is delaying with the names and addresses of the members of the Boards. If I don't hear from him this week, I am afraid I shall have to trouble you to assist me so that each member of the five Boards of Durban may get the invitation.

I am sending yourMr. Molteno's letter who funks the issue, but I am writing him in another aspect, namely, that King Cetshwayo and Prince Dinuzulu must be exonerated from all the incidents which led to the confiscation of Zululand. Please return the letter when you are finished with it. I am seeing Senator Brookes some-day this week to interest him in the matter.

Last Friday I had an hour's talk with the Chief Native Commissioner. He suggests that the M.R.C!s in Natal should constitute themselves into a council in which as Ex Officio member of the N.R.C. he would like to the associated He says there are several administrative problems confronting his office upon which he would app reciate guidance from us. I suggested he should invite us on the subject. It is almost certain that Prince Mshiyeni will be nominated.

The Local Branch of Congress paid its respects to our new Administrator. Mr. Shepstone assured us that he would oppose an exclusive sub-economic housing scheme for Africans. He believes in a Home- Ownership scheme although particularly in Durban the difficulties were to find land. He is going to Pretoria with the Chief Native Commissioner this week for a conference on the subject. The proposed Non-European Hospital to be built at Edendale he said was about to be begun and it will be bigger than King Edward VII Hospital. The inter -view was very formal and lasted a very short time.

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