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Mogala oaga Gaboutloeloe ke oo o mpolelela losho loa kgosi. U itse fa erile fa go shoa Wessels Mr Green a bo a nata go kgoroletsa Salary eaga Badirile. Are eaga Montsioa ene ele £ 300. eaga Vessels £ 150. eaga Badirile Shippard ga e baea. — Ke go shupetia ka koalo loo fa re utloana thata le nor Dower Kgosi ea Native affairs - le Advocate Burton ene oa itse So please ask Chief Lekoko if must speak with them gore ba seka ba mo phimolela salary. Gape a ku mmotse gore ake ere fa ke bua ke oketse ka gore kirs eaga Lekoko e tla nna thata ka a rarabolola maragaraga a a dviloeng ke bogosi jo bo fetileng.

Il bo u mnotse gove a ke ke ba bolelele gore Lekoko ga bolo gore go nne le Reserve Fund e e badiloeng ke Proclamation 62 B.B. of 1889 gore e thuse Dikole le ditiro toa matamo jalo, jalo. It will be necessary to say all this gonne fa re sa di bolele ba ka ephemela ka Proclamation eaga Shippard e e reng godueloe Montsioa le Makuroane £ 300. and Wessel le Molale ± 150. go felele fong. I am struggling hard to let you have some money for the summons on thursday by were Jell me please what bhief-Lekoko Days gore a ke he modele mmuelele ka salary jaka n itse magestrata ve kafilsa a ila Barolong Soit Ready

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S.T. Plaatje - Correspondence

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Sir,

I have a telegram from Gaboutloeloe telling me of the Chief's death.

I am sure you know when Wessels passed away Mr Green wanted to be difficult about Badirile's salary. He said that Montshioa's was £300, Wessels' £150 and Badarile's salary was not specified by Shippard.

I am trying to show you in this letter that we are friends with Mr Dower the Chief of Native Affairs, - Advocate Burton too knows of this affair. So please ask Chief Lekoko if I must speak with them not to refuse him salary. Also, ask him if I may add while speaking to them, that Lekoko's employ will be slightly difficult since he is busy solving the complex situation that arouse in the time of the gone chieftainship. Ask him also if I may further tell them that Lekoko has long been urging for establishment of a Reserve Fund (as it appears in Proclamation 62 B.B. of 1889) which would help schools and building of dams etc., etc. It will be necessary to say all this because if we do not do so they may avoid the issue by citing Shippard's Proclamation which points out that Montsioa and Makuroane be payed £300, Wessel and Molale £150 and that is all.

I am struggling hard to let you have some money for the summons on Thursday by wire. Tell me please what Chief Lekoko says so that I can speak on his behalf about salary - for you know well the Magistrate of Mafikeng hates the Barolong.

Sol.T.Plaatje

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