

Homeland  
mei 26 .. 14

J. Malama Ery

Mafeking

Waaderriend met liefde

gaan u en haar regelen.

Ik had zeer spijt dat ik u laatszondag  
op Mafeking niet kon zien; Maar ontrent  
al de moeilijke heden die er was door Mr. Fincham  
tuschen ons moet u mij top met meer verdinken  
ik wil niet weg trekken van pitani ik blijf bij  
mij behoort met u; zoo als het was vande beginne  
en ik behou alles zoo als het was in mijn bezit  
als gij het water noodig had voor u eigen vee  
is het mij; Maar voor alle aeseende vee niet  
een of hulle moet aan mij betaalen voor  
het gebruik van het water zoo als altes ik  
is niet onwilleig om ten blijf bij ons behoort  
met u en u vele persoonlijke

antwoord mij doctelyk; wees zoo goed  
om klakee zal u ook wel alle vertellen  
merchien had u mij ook niet weg verstaan  
de dag op Pitani ik denk het want ik kon  
het zien

Verder niets meer tot ik van  
u hooren  
de uwe B. J. Burger met aenting en liefde

Lobatsi  
May 28<sup>th</sup> 1914

Chief Sake Makama  
Mafeking

Dear Chief I received a letter from Lentswane saying that you were prepared to meet me at any time, in connection with the farm, west of Railway line, <sup>at Pitroni</sup> which I understand belong to you.

The farm I am referring to is ~~adjoining~~ adjoining railway line East. West of Jacobs farm which I have, north of Van Wyke's farm and south of Pitroni P.

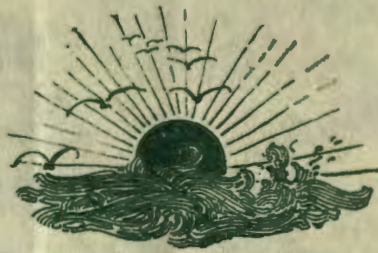
If you wish to let this farm, I shall be very glad if you will send me full particulars and conditions as early as possible, as I am very anxious to get a farm for my brother adjoining mine.

Yours faithfully  
A. W. Ruthenberg

P. M. FINCHAM,

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Mr Silas T Malena  
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May 30<sup>th</sup> 1914

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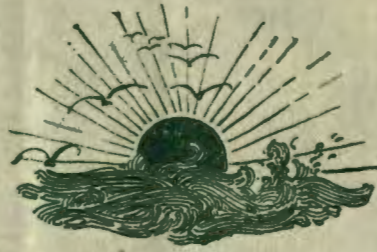
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Market Price

I am in receipt of your letter and I note contents, re my camp as you know I have already signed a contract with the Railway Authorities to fence down the line which cost me £28/- now I beg to propose to you to grant me permission to make my camp as proposed to you I am sending you a rough sketch to show you how I intend making this camp now I think as you are letting more ground to other people strangers whom we don't know, that you should now point out to each tenant a certain price of land for grazing rights I propose that as you will see by numbers 1-2-3 No 1 be allotted to the man that occupies Burgers place No 2 be my block and No 3 be given to the new man that is coming or give him the price marked No 4

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This arrangement would save a lot of 101  
disputes in later years to come

I think as I am your first tenant and  
have already made improvements to the  
value of over £700-0-0 on this farm  
that you must protect me & assist  
me for my grazing rights I shall  
be pleased if you will show Mr  
Punchin this letter and my plan  
and I am sure that Mr Punchin  
will give you the best advice  
possible

Kind regards  
Your old friend

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June 1914

Dear Mother

We are still well I wish you  
the same It is regrettable that I am  
that I am going away from Pitouan  
where I stayed so peacefully  
but as you know yourself  
that I must live ~~with~~ out of  
the work of my hands

that I have taken a job  
from not missing and that he <sup>has</sup> given  
me a place to stay ~~at~~ on in his  
place farm and must take it  
on a count of the work  
but ~~for~~ <sup>because</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>know</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>the</sup>  
right because I am going live  
and you know <sup>yourself</sup> that ~~it~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~the~~  
work of my hands <sup>again</sup>  
perhaps I may come one day to ask  
you for a place to stay on <sup>us</sup>

With love to  
your friend

B J Burger

Mother  
Oregon

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Mr Silas T Molena June 8<sup>th</sup> 1914  
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I have had a letter from my  
Brother-in-law Mr Beckersen asking me  
when he will be able to come & occupy  
Burger's place. Now of course you have  
now given Burger a month's notice to quit  
& his month is up at the end of June  
and then you must of course give Mr  
Beukes notice also so that he can  
provide a place for himself. Could  
I write to Mr Beckersen & tell him  
that he can have the place at the  
end of July, please let me know  
as soon as you can so that I can  
let him know. Of course you know  
that he will now pay you the  
£70/- to get the place but he  
also want a proper agreement for  
5 years & to renew for another five  
years & longer if you will agree and  
that he pays you the same rent as

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Burger did and that you will  
always have free water from the  
well for your stock that is on this  
farm. Mr. Beckerson also wants to  
know that now as he is paying  
you £70/- for Burgers right & he  
also intends to make further improvements  
on the place if you will also  
agree that in case at the end  
of his lease should he be able  
to sell his right whether you will  
allow him to get back the £70.0.0  
if he can you see he records that  
he is not buying the house or the  
well he is only paying £70.0.0 to  
get Burgers right of occupation he  
is paying you this money & still the  
place belongs to you. you must  
think over this & when we make  
our agreement we must also settle this  
point you are now getting a good  
honest man there & he will also  
make a nice place there so long as you  
are not too hard on him please answer soon  
yours with kind regards P.M. Fincham

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June 14<sup>th</sup> 1914

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Dear Silas

I wish to know if you know that Mr Beukes a new man has put up a house here at Burgers Place & he has a lot of cattle here do you know anything about this man is he paying you any rent for the stand please reply to me & treat this letter confidentially & keep it the report to yourself. This man is no friend of mine & his cattle is feeding on my & your fields.

Perhaps you will also not answer this letter as you have done with my last three letters what is wrong I think you must be dead your friend P. M. Fincham



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June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914

My Dear Silas

I am again writing to you with a big complaint. & this complaint you are the only man that can I must put it right. Have you given Venters right to graze on this our farm? He now told me yesterday when I spoke to him about being at Inobora Pan with all his sheep he told me he has as much right on this farm as I have & I have no right to speak to him for being on this farm with his stock. He will go where he likes all over this farm. Therefore I must impress on you the necessity of giving each tenant his piece of ground to save trouble as I pointed out to you on the little plan I sent you. Did you see Mr Munchin about it? I wish you would & let us settle up this grazing matter

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I hear again you have told Beukes<sup>191</sup> that he can get a stand on the big Pan side & fence in the Pan but I want to know were my grazing rights come in on the Pan if he fence I have also the right to drive my stock into the Pan as I have grazing on the whole farm I cannot agree to this lease with Beukes, give him a stand near the collage if you like, I recored that the big Pan is part of Burges ground which now becomes Bickersons & you know it well I can only see one way out of the trouble & that is now that you give each man his own grounds becaund off Please see Mr Fincham about this matter, with reference to Mr Bickersons lease I have sent him your letter & he will come during July or August-

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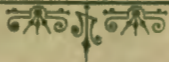
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& When he comes we can then  
make an agreement between us  
three which will be on the same  
lines Prager had it. only for 5 years  
& again 5 years with additional interest  
& c & c

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Yours with kind regards

P. M. Fincham

Copy

Madison June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1914

G F J Van Rensselaer Esq  
Dear Sir

I am writing to you again about the matter of the farm which you want to hire from me, as I told you in my last letter that there are many people who want me to lease that, this farm to them, please tell me at once if you do not want it any more, tell me by the return of post. How is it that I hear nothing from you?

In my last letter I enclosed the Madison market price of Kaffercorn, and I am now sending the recent one to show you that the price is going down every day so you must send me the 300 bags of Kaffercorn at once and if you are not sending any please let me know.

With Greetings

I am Sir Your obedient Servant  
Silas Proctor

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June 26<sup>th</sup> 1914

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I am in receipt of your  
letter & note content.  
I just let you know that  
you must come out Monday  
morning the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. if you  
want to see me in Pitsani  
as I am going to Mafeking  
on ~~Monday~~ Tuesday morning early  
I must go and I trust we  
will fix up matters nicely  
So that all is satisfied  
but I must be satisfied first  
as I am first with you

Yours kind regards

P. M. Fincham

Mafeking  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 14

P. M. Dimcham Esq  
Pitiana

My dear Sir

I beg to state that I have received your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. and I noted the contents of same. In reply I beg to say that I have not given any right of grazing to Mr Venten in fact he has not got the slightest right without your permission. Any white man who comes there with stock and graze it without your permission you have full right to charge or to Impound his stock except that I told you about him before hand Mr Dimchin has given me his letter from you to read and is nearly the same as the one you sent me. About Mr Benkes it is quite true but I will see you about it when I come there on Monday or Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> to arrange matters. As to Mr Burger I know that I had promised him one morgen only. Of course when Mr Diekerson comes we shall make an agreement of lease. The new man Mr Van Prensburg will be there Monday or Tuesday with his wife & also

the money

Mr Burger's letter so that you may be ready with

With the greenings & respect. I am your obedt servt.  
Pitiana

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June 29<sup>th</sup> 1914

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Just a line in case you want  
to show Van Prensburg where to live, now  
I will not be back before Wednesday night.  
So on Thursday we can meet & discuss  
matters all round, but I tell you  
that you have now brought a man  
on this farm that is going to give us  
trouble & unpleasantness & I hope he  
will live as far away from me as  
possible please treat this letter  
confidentially but I tell you my  
heart is sore today as I see trouble  
instare for all of us here

Please be good enough to wait  
until I come back before you make  
any further arrangements with this man  
don't tell him anything but wait until  
I return from Town Colonel Panzera  
wants to see me & I must go to see  
him I hope you will put this man  
right on the other end of the farm as  
I don't like him  
yours kind regards  
P. M. Fincham

DE KOCK & DE KOCK,  
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AND CONVEYANCERS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "DE KOCK"

P.O. BOX 8.

Mr S.T. Molema,

The Stadt,

MAFEKING.

Dear Sir,

re AGREEMENTS SELF and P.M. FINCHAM and SELF and DICKERSON.

We have received certain instructions from Mr P.M. Fincham,  
in connection with this matter and shall be glad if you endeavour  
to call and see us to-morrow with a view to completing the ar-  
rangements made between you and Mr Fincham.

Yours faithfully,

*De Kock*

*Mafeking,  
South Africa.*

3rd July 1914.,



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "DE KOCK".

P.O. BOX 8.

*Mafeking,  
South Africa.*

13th July 1914.

To/ Silas T. Molema,  
The Stadt,

MAFKING.

Dear Sir,

re P.M. FINCHAM.

We received a letter this morning from Mr. Fincham in which he asked us to notify you that he will be at our office on Friday morning 9 o'clock the 17th inst., when he would like to go into all matters with you concerning the two agreements.

Yours faithfully,

*de Kock & de Kock.*

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "DE KOCK"

P.O. BOX 8.

*Mafeking,  
South Africa.*

17th July 1914.,

Silas T. Molana,

P.O. Box 11,

MAFKING.

Dear Sir,

Mr G. Boukes saw us to-day in reference to an agreement which he has come to with you about a piece of ground at Pitsoai and has instructed us to ask you to call and see us with a view to the agreement being put into writing. He states that he will be in Mafeking on Saturday week the 25th inst., and will be glad if you will be at our office on that date for the purpose in question.

Yours faithfully,

*De Kock*

P. M. FINCHAM,  
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July 20<sup>th</sup> 1914

Mr Silas T. Molema,  
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Dear Silas

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Will you now write a letter  
to Mr Van Rensburg & Mr Beukes that  
you have now let the well to me,  
& that they must make arrangements  
with me for their water for  
their cattle & sheep.

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both these people record that you  
have given them free water. You  
I have paid and are still paying  
heavily for the water & we ought  
to get some return for same.

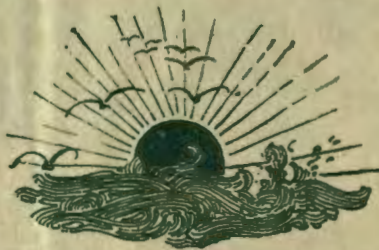
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July 28<sup>c</sup> 1914.

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. & contents are duly noted first of all I am sending you yours a/c in detail. you will see that I collected from Mr Prager as follows in December last year he paid me £1-10/- and in April of this year he paid me £2-10/- so as you say he still owes you for May & June months 20/- I am sorry we for got this amount but you had better send him an account & tell him to pay up soon I have written to Mr Minchin to let me have an a/c of your last Promissary notes so that I can fix up your a/c to date.

I have collected after you signed the last Promissary notes 10/- from Mr Rowland and 10/- from Mr Nel which you will also see appears in your a/c and Mr Minchin paid me as you will see £28.10/- & charged interest & commission £4.5.3 this



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Left a bbl. balance against you for  
 £54.1.6 & I have Dr'd you with £50.0.0  
 from Mr. Bickersons money so if you deduct  
 £50.0.0 from £54.1.6 you are still in  
 my debt of £4.1.6 as your ac will show,  
 now I don't know if Mr. Minchin are  
 going to charge any more expenses in  
 his ac to us. so I must wait to  
 receive his ac. I will help you with  
 the £10.0.0 as you ask for it. to  
 help you I always like to help you  
 if I can although Mr. Bickerson have  
 instructed me to pay the £50/- only  
 on delivery of his lease to him  
 completed but as you know I trust  
 you and all will be right in the  
 end no I think this explains all to  
 you

There are still one complaint which I would  
 like to be clear on that is for the month  
 of July this month considering that  
 Vansenburg & Beukes & Mangalisha expect  
 free water from the well you must

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under the circumstances now tell  
them that the well belongs to Bickerson  
& that you have sold your right  
& that they must all now from the  
first of July pay for the water  
to Mr Bickerson, as Mr Bickerson has  
now paid you for the place & it is  
now his place  
and also I don't think you should charge  
Mr Bickerson 20/- for his month rent & Hobson  
as he is not here yet & has not  
occupied the place, but he will  
pay you from the first of July 1914  
10/- for rent & 10/- for water hereon on  
your part of the well as per our  
agreement

Next request of mine is that you  
shall make a point to come out  
& for us to go over the line  
dividing the farm approximately between  
Mr Rensbury & myself & that we  
all go together over the line  
& put up a few beacons & so on

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not that I mean for each one to keep with his stock to his side of the farm but on account of cutting

green wood. I notice our Beukes are today cutting green wood to make a

keare <sup>over</sup> the line on Van Rensburg's side. <sup>Towards Van Nijke</sup> I don't want them or anyone

to cut green wood on my side of the farm as I mean to protect my

half so much as lies in Power

I have now written you quite a long letter & hope to receive a satisfactory reply & that you write at once to Van Rensburg & Beukes & Mangalaha about the well & water. The well

is now emptied day every day & the people that are paying for water cannot get any whilst those that

don't pay lines near & are first at the well I don't call this right & fair

I enclose you your ofe and also my cheque for £10/- to help you

over

yours with kind regards  
P. M. Fincham

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**Ramathlabama,**  
**PITCANI**  
 District: MAFEKING.

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1914

Mr Silas T. Prolema

Dr. to PHÆBUS M. FINCHAM,  
 GENERAL DEALER.

Terms Cash,—Unless otherwise arranged. Interest Charged on all Overdue Accounts.  
 Willing to Undertake any Agency at this Sidng.

		To ase clustered amount of first Promissory note	83	6	3		
		To Commission & Interest paid to Mr Fincham	4	5	3		
Dec 1913		Collected from Mr Burger				1	10 .
March 1914		" " " "				2	10 .
April	20	received from Mr Fincham				28	10 .
"	31	Collected from Mr Rowland				.	10 .
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		To cheque herewith	10	.	.		
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If Mr Fincham charges any more expenses of course this will be added to the above

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Dear Silas

Mr Bekock wants us all to be <sup>if possible</sup> together to sign our agreement to Pitsani  
Mr Dickerson will arrive here on Saturday  
the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. and if you will come  
out for sure on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.  
we can all be together &  
sign all the papers and also  
mark off with Mr Dickerson his  
margin of ground & I also wish  
to see you about a small camp  
I want to make first before the  
big camp which I intend making  
later on do your best to be  
here on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. Please

Yours kind regards  
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Dear Silas

I beg to call your attention  
that under our original agreement you  
gave me sole Trading rights here  
on the farm. Now Van Rensburg has  
started selling corn & mealie in  
direct opposition to me & without  
a licence will you see Mr  
Munich & write him a letter to  
this effect & put a stop to it  
at once

& Oblige

yours faithfully

J. M. Fincham

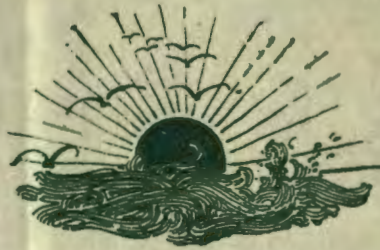
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Dear Silas

Just a line you know that  
you are causing or have been the  
cause of a lot of trouble here  
between the white people

now I paid you on behalf of  
Mr Dickerson on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July  
for the well & your letter to  
me states that all is settled

I asked you to give Van Penschburg &  
Beukes notice that from the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
August the well belongs to  
Dickerson, now this morning

Mr Dickerson wants his water  
money from Van Penschburg & he  
refuses to pay & says he is paying  
you now this is not right.  
you agree with one man this way  
& with the other that way &  
you are causing rows & unpleasantness

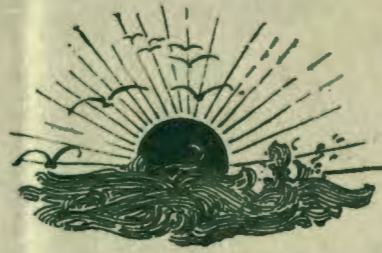


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I must tell you since  
Van Rensburg came here I have  
had nothing but unpleasantness  
from him & you must now  
put a stop to it before I go  
to the authorities about all this  
trouble Becker is in the  
same line about the water  
It is your fault in not talking  
straight or doing things in  
writing to these people &  
finally settling things up  
mind I can prove all I say to  
you & you must fix it  
up & once to stop the  
trouble we have paid you for  
the well & we are letting the  
water & expect to be paid for it  
from the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1914

I hope you will make awark of  
this matter & once  
oblige

yours as ever  
P. M. Fincham



Piteani

7 Sept 1914.

Mr Melens

Dear Sir

There still seems to be a grave  
misunderstanding with regard to my right  
to have <sup>out</sup> water. The native Mongolish declares  
that he has had no notice from you and  
though very respectful about it cannot see  
that he should pay, now as I sent Mr P. M.  
Lincham £70 in May with the understanding  
that he would pay the same to you for the full  
right of the well. I consider that my right began  
from the time you accepted the money or if as  
I understand Mr Lincham paid it to you in  
installments then my right began on the  
date you received the first installment  
also Mr Benders and Van Remsburg both say  
that they have now received notice from  
you that <sup>they</sup> have to arrange with me for water  
from the 1st Sept this I am sure you will  
see is a mistake it should be from the  
1st August, further it is already necessary  
for me to have the well sunk deeper at once  
as the water is by no means enough and this  
will mean a very considerable expense so

as your own stock have free watering I  
am asking you to assist in the matter by  
letting me have 3 Boys the white mans wages  
& gunnits and other expences I will pay  
I shall be glad if you will kindly reply by  
return as I must begin sinking at once  
Now there is still another matter I wish to  
consult you about Mr Beukers has asked  
me to take over his Lease as he wishes to give  
it up of course he wants me to pay him a  
certain sum I understand that he has  
the pan and other rights for the first 3 years  
free Will you kindly let me know exactly  
what the terms or his rights are so that I  
can consider the proposition if agreeable to you  
in any case I will ask you to give me the  
first option of this portion as it adjoins  
mine further I am given to believe that in  
case I do not take it over Mr Beukers intends  
to sink a well immediately below mine and  
so drain all the water from me I trust that  
you will prevent him doing so if it lays in  
your power at all I may mention that when I looked  
at this place in April last I was informed that the  
pan and surrounding ground was free or rather formed  
part of the grazing rights and I was very much  
surprised when Mr Tencham informed me

that you had let the pan &c to another  
Party & trust that you will give these  
matters your earnest consideration and reply  
as early as possible

Yours faithfully

Wm Dudson  
Pitcairni



# Memorandum.

FROM

**DE KOCK & DE KOCK,**

ATTORNEYS, NOTARIES,  
AND CONVEYANCERS,

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"DE KOCK."

P.O BOX 6.

15th September 1914-190

To Silas T. Molena,

P.O. Box II,

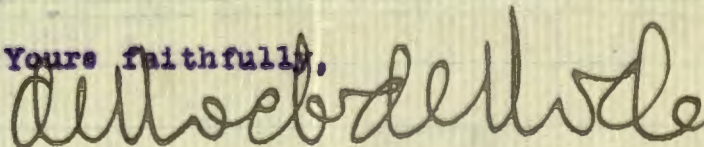
MAFEKING.

Dear Sir,

re AGREEMENT DICKERSON AND SELF.

This agreement has now been returned to us and we shall be glad if you will call and complete the agreement at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,



Stas & Madama -

\_\_\_\_\_ Feb. 20th

Vancouver Herald - Matter in  
Order -

Will you please be good  
enough to call on us at our  
Office at earliest - The deeds re  
Judith & Pickers are here for  
your review - & All the best  
1914

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DONALD CURRIE & CO., Managers, London.

CAPE TOWN, \_\_\_\_\_ 191

## REBATE VOUCHER.

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\* Here state nature of Rebate.

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Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1914

Dear Silas

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take  
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at this Siding.

I am just writing you these few lines to tell you that I have just received a demand for £70/- from Mr Minchin on behalf of Mr Pruzer Mr Pruzer holds that I bought his place @ Pitsani & you said that Pruzer could not sell your property & that he had no right to sell & then you gave him notice to quit & then I bought the place from you for £70.0.0

I shall be pleased if you will see Mr Minchin & tell him all about it. of course Pruzer had no right to sell without your consent & this you did not give to him

yours faithfully  
P. M. Fincham

you have got the receipt for the £20/- - don't lose it - we may want it - get

Potchefstroom  
10 Oct. 1914.

S. Molema.  
Mafeking

Sir,

I am sorry I could not see you before I left. but I had to leave in such a hurry that I could not. Now as you know what expense I had. namely £46. 7. 6 of which I can send you specified copy and where as you promised me when I saw you last that you will take my expense in consideration as you are an honest man. and whereas Meinchen wants to sue me now for the fees of a contract which he has drawn up, and which I never have even seen. Will you in the first instance please be so

kind as to see Mr. Minchin about  
it and in the second please  
please have pity on me and  
give me say only £10 of all the  
expense which I had.

I can tell you that my family  
have to stop without meet now  
for sometimes 2 or 3 weeks.

Please let me hear soon from.  
I hope you are still doing well  
with your family.

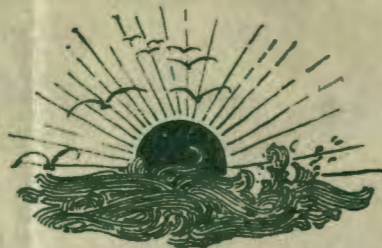
When you see Mr. Tuttle of  
Pitsani remember me to him.

I Am,

Respectfully Yours  
James Hogg,

**P. M. FINCHAM,**  
**PITSANI.**

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Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1914

Dear Silas

Just a line to tell you that Mr Burger are again pressing his case for £70.0.0 for Mr Dickerson's place. That I bought from you now you must take care of the receipt that Mr Burger signed for the £20/- that you paid her on his behalf and also any letters that you hold from Mr Burger to you I think you hold one were he state that he sent his wife to act for him because he cannot come himself. Please be carefull of all the papers

Yours kind regards

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we have had a nice rain

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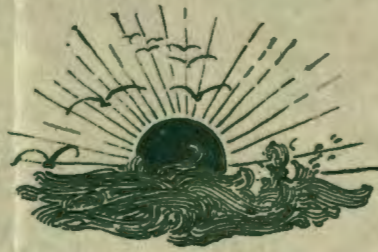
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Dear Silas

With reference to Burger's supposed  
Case. Mr de Kock wants us to meet

at his office on the 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
so I give you notice to meet me  
there on the 26<sup>th</sup> about 9 o'clock

in front of de Kock's office

Please find the receipt. Mr  
Burger signed also <sup>all</sup> letters

that Burger wrote to you about

this place that he wanted to  
sell to me we must now

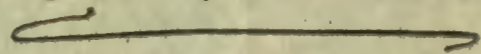
shut his mouth before he brings  
us lots of trouble & teach him to

deal straight forward

Confidential Please

Yours kind regards

P. M. Fincham





Maffking to  
November 28 1914

Mr Dickerson

Pitman Siding

Dear Sir

to inform you that I beg to state that I am glad

Since you have <sup>been</sup> urging me to sign the agreement  
between us, and that I wanted to see you &

<sup>Dr & my own first</sup>  
~~before I sign it~~, about the ~~matter between~~

~~you and Seth's~~ relative about <sup>Seth's</sup> ~~two~~ cattle

of Seth's cattle and as that matter is now settled.  
drinking in your well I now therefore ~~writing~~ to tell

you that I am <sup>going to make you</sup> ~~signing~~ the agreement, because that

~~matter is now settled~~ to remove your anxiety

P. M. FINCHAM,  
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Pitsani Siding,

Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1914

Dear Silas

I am in receipt of the two letters Ben's letters & will keep them with all the other letters that letters again confirms that my dealing with Ben in that case were fair & square on my part & I cannot see how he can claim the money from me as we can prove by the correspondence that he was distinctly told by you that he had no right to sell & that the place belonged to you & he only left the place on the notice that you gave him & even on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May he still told you that he will not go away and that he holds you to his agreement as always how can he now say I offered to pay him to go away it is all false

yours kind regards  
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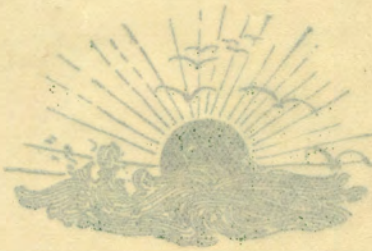
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Mr Sicker son is not a game  
& I don't know where he is got  
but will try again to get  
you the money

PMF

Dear Sir  
I am in receipt of the two  
letters from you & will help you  
with all the other letters that  
letters again confirm that you  
feeling with you in that case  
you & I agree on my part &  
cannot see how he can  
the money from me as we  
part of the correspondence that  
not intended to do for you  
we had no right to see  
the place belongs to you  
we left the place on the  
that you gave him  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May he  
that he will not go  
that he will give to his  
as always you can be  
I offered to pay him to go  
in all these  
your kind regards  
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In the Court of the Resident Magistrate  
for the District of Mafeking

To the Messenger of the Court or his lawful deputy:

Summon Silas Lawana Molema

of Mafeking

hereinafter styled the Defendant that he appear before the Court of the Resident Magistrate of this District, to be holden at Mafeking on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1915, at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon, with his Witnesses (if he have any) to show why he hath not paid to

Phoebus Marie Finckham of Pitsani in the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

hereinafter styled the Plaintiff the sum of £ 58- 1- 0

with

Interest *a tempore morae*

which the Plaintiff complains that the Defendant owes him being the balance of certain three overdue promissory notes as follows: (1) certain overdue promissory note for £20. 8. 4 dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 1914 signed by Defendant & payable to Plaintiff or order at the office of Mr S. Minchin at Mafeking on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1914 less £4. paid on account. (2) Certain overdue promissory note for £20. 13. 8 dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 1914 signed by Defendant & payable to Plaintiff or order at the office of Mr S. Minchin at Mafeking on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1914. (3) Certain overdue promissory note for £20. 19. 0. dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 1914 signed by Defendant & payable to Plaintiff or order at the office of Mr S. Minchin at Mafeking on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1914 all of which three said promissory notes are hereto annexed and whereof the Plaintiff is the legal holder, which balance of £58. 1/- the Defendant neglects and refuses to pay. Wherefore the Plaintiff prays that he may be adjudged to pay the same with interest and costs of suit.

And serve on the said Defendant a Copy of this Summons ~~annexed~~  
, and return you on that day to the said Court what you have done on this Summons.

Dated at Mafeking the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1914

S. B. C. W. Rawford  
Clerk of the said Court.

S. MINCHIN,  
Attorney and Notary,  
MAFEKING.

In the Court of the Resident Magistrate  
for the District of

In the matter between

Plaintiff,

and

Defendant,

Take notice that you are hereby required to produce at the hearing of the above  
case on \_\_\_\_\_, the following document of which the Plaintiff intends,  
to avail \_\_\_\_\_ in evidence, viz.: a certain letter of demand dated  
\_\_\_\_\_ addressed by me to you.

Dated at

the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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Yours, &c.,

Plaintiff's Attorney,

To the Defendant.

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