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8th August, 1938.

Senator the Hon. J.D.R. Jones,
The Senate,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Senator Jones,

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, on the subject of a room for the exclusive use of Senators for Natives, was considered by the Sessional Committee on Internal Arrangements, which adopted the following Resolution :

- "That (a) for the remainder of the life of the present Senate, Committee Room No. 14 be reserved for the use of the Senators for Natives and be equipped with tables, lockers and call-bell as requested in their letter;
- (b) as a telephone extension has been recently installed at a point near Room 14, the Committee trusts that this will meet the convenience of the Senators for Natives;
- (c) as accommodation for Senators generally is limited the Committee trusts that the Senators for Natives will find Room No. 14 sufficient for all their correspondence requirements;
- (d) in accordance with the terms of their letter, it is agreed that the room in the basement allotted the Senators for Natives, is to be the Reception Room for non-European callers."

In terms of this Resolution I am taking steps to have Room No. 14 prepared for the use of the Senators for Natives.

Further I have to inform you that instructions have been issued for 100 copies of the Senate Hansard (weekly edition) to be placed at the disposal of you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Manning

MG/SS.

accept the position.

FROM.

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EHB/MR

August 31, 1938

Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones,
Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear Jones,

I am so sorry not to have replied to your letter earlier. In spite of the extension of the adjournment, I am planning to be back in Cape Town on September 8 unless something occurs to make me alter my plans. I think that the three members in the House need our advice and help. With regard to the point which you raise about the threat to interfere with the Native representation, while I do feel that Mrs. Ballinger and Molteno have not always been very wise, I should stand shoulder to shoulder with them on any threat of that kind with regard to their position and our own. I feel that we should not for one moment accept the situation of being present in Parliament on sufferance. We are to do the best we can for the people who sent us there, and if the Government threaten us we must just simply tell them, as courteously as possible, to go ahead and do their worst. As you know, I believe in conciliatory methods and reasonable caution, and have tried as far as possible to act on such lines; but the attitude that we must necessarily support the Government, or that we have no right to raise controversial issues, is one that must be resisted without hesitation or compromise.

I am sending this letter to your Johannesburg address in the hope that they will forward it on to Rhodesia if you are still there. Should you be in Rhodesia, please give Helen, her husband and the grandson my affectionate greetings. I really ought to have begun my letter "Dear Oupa"!

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Edgar H. Brookes

*In spite of the telegram just received
adjourning us to the 14th. (a paper scandal. 100/11) I
am leaving on 8 to reach Cape Town on the 8th.*

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