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To the Queen
and her ministers.

We send greeting and pray that you are
all living nicely.

You will know us, we are not Chanfers, we
have been your children since 1885

Your Government has been good and under it
we have received much blessing, peace
and prosperity

We are sorry you have taken our land from
us and given it to the Cape Government

we do not know their ways and laws
make it very fast that the Cape
have the power to take away the
land you gave us in the "Land Settle-
-ment of 1886". We are many people
and the land is very little; the land
our life - keep us.

Again we pray you don't let the Cape Gov-
-ernment kill my people with their Brandy.
we don't want it. it will destroy us; it will
cause fighting. it will fill our land with sorrow
and darkness! We are living nicely without
the white man's brandy - Please hold fast
the hands of the Cape so that Brandy
may never be allowed in our country

Again we, Barabon are much astonished
and full of sorrow because we have
heard that the Dutch Government wants
to give away our country in the
Protectorate to the Charter Company

we mean British South Africa Charter Comp

our land ^{and} our fathers
have lived in it and buried in it;
we keep all our cattle in it; what will
we do if you give our land away?

My people are increasing very fast and
are filling the land. We keep all the laws
of the Great Queen. We have fought for
her; we have always been the friends
of her people. We are not idle. We build
houses; we plough many gardens. We sow
lots of mealies, Kafir corn; wheat and forage.
Our people go to work in the Gold fields.
Why do you want to throw us away? Why
are you tired of governing us? We do not
fight against your laws; we keep them
and are living nicely.

Our word is ~~not~~ ^{no}! The Queens Govern-
ment must not give my people's land in the
Protectorate to the Company. ~~It~~ ^{It} has
given that land in farms to my sons
and head men; the farms have been ~~ac-~~
~~quired~~ ^{acquired} ~~along time ago~~ ^{along time ago} and the Administrator ^{has promised to} register
the titles. That land is my people's

and we are just sitting quiet until we get
the registered titles ^{as promised us by the Administrator}
besides my son and heir and ^{one of my chiefs} who carry this
will speak all our words to the Queen.
Peace to you all - We greet you
Please send a good word back to
us

I am your servant
Moutkwa - chief of Barabon

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