

16th May, 1947.

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Dear Sir,

I would like to refer to your letter once more dated the 4th inst. I have had time to peruse the copy of your speech with quotation of the speech of Senator Campbell, with the threat of Mr. de Villiers to you, which I do not know if it has been carried out by the Paramount Chief. Experience is the best teacher in one's life. Long after this threat has been carried out you will still know that a white man is only a friend when you agree with his design to oppress your people.

I have read Senator Campbell in the Senate Reports. In fact, I read nearly all speeches given on the Native Policy of the Hon. Minister for Native Affairs. When again I read your speech I said God moves in His mysterious way His wonders to perform. I remember how you tried to support their effort in Pretoria to get us to continue the proceedings of the Council unconditionally until very late when I had given up all hope you changed your mind. Our second adjournment crowned all our efforts to draw the attention of the Government to the folly of the detrimental policy followed by the group of Officials of the Department of Native Affairs. They take you to be a friend when you agree with them. As soon as you do not agree with them they threaten you with every sort of bad treatment they can possibly inflict on you. Mr. de Villiers is of Dutch descent. He is the Chief Magistrate and Chirman of the Bunga. I remember when we asked that an officer of the Department should not be the Chairman.

/It was you

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It was you Councillor Mabude who eloquently opposed us to their joy. Look what a Native Affairs Official is capable of doing when he is the Chairman of the Council. It would happen even in Pretoria when you recall what even Major Rodseth did to one Councillor the present nominated member of the Transvaal.

I notice that General Smuts has had a Conference with the six invited Members.

With my very best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

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