

Conference held at "Schoonoord" Sekukuni's Location on the 6th. September 1902.

Present Mr. E. H. Hoppe Native Commissioner, Lydenburg and Mr. W. A. Knight Native sub-Commissioner, Chiefs Sekukuni, Pasoane, Meecha, ~~and~~ the chief indunas, and Assaf Sekukuni's Secy. Interpreter, the Rev. J. A. Winter

Chief Sekukuni:-

We understand all that was said yesterday. With regard to the land question, the location is too small. We did not understand the final answer yesterday. Have the private farms outside the location been bought or do they still belong to the Government? I would like the ^{boundaries of} ~~remarks of~~ these private farms and the of the Government ^{farms} pointed out to us.

Mr. Hoppe:-

Refers to this matter as discussed at the two previous meetings. I wrote to the Government on this matter. Reiterates reply given yesterday. You must remember that we have only just come in to the country. You were formerly living under the Government of the late South African Republic. That Government squeezed and squeezed and land was obtained and sold to private persons. In accordance with the terms of surrender the British Government will take nothing from the Boers. There is Government land but how much is available for the Natives I do not know. Sir Godfrey Lapden has asked all Commissioners to report what land is available. You must understand that after a long war it takes time to collect information. You must be patient. You must understand that the Government will not take away anything given by the late Government of the S. A. R. When you now speak of land you mean, I suppose, land

taken by the late Government and sold to others.

Assar:-

Where are the boundaries of old Sekukuni's land?

Mr. Hoffe:-

I don't know. When we came here we found the location where it now is. There are, I believe, 28 farms in it. This farm, "Schoonoord" is included in the location, but it belongs to Mr. Frazer, and the Government of the S.A.R. promised to give him other ground for it. To this day he has not received another piece of ground for it. If you now wish to know the names of the location-farms I can tell you. This is all that I can tell you. What transpired before we came here I don't know.

Komani, Sekukuni's chief induna:-

When old Sekukuni was released he was told to go back to his land. Where are the boundaries of that land?

Mr. Hoffe:-

Why did they not ask the late Government? Sekukuni was released by the Boers. That is very long ago now.

Komani:-

we have asked this but have never received an answer.

Mr. Hoffe:-

Reads paragraph 23 of the 1881 Convention. You say old Sekukuni asked the late Government "where is my land"? whereupon the late Government pointed out the present location. That was the answer to his question.

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Mashubi, Masoapoane, Rato, Fan, Soane, Makue, Mäluma, Sepale,
Ntombi, Nkoane, Machuse, Srogphole, Maheme, Setulele, Masavoo,
Ndonbi, Ramasele, Mkomani, Maloki, Makonan, Mokeme, Mahoude, Ma-
pupe, Dshlari, Kshloro, Malekan, Makobota, Mugashe, ~~Marhete~~
Markonikoni, Takuli, Musheshe, Leshui, Makofane, Korbe, Maka-
talush, Kopode, Ratinvan, Mashabeleli, Mashe, Mapale, Muyeli,
Seripan, Mahouken, Saluni, Kaesteni, Rushlagani,

Indunas Komani, Maluke, Anatoli, Abellesape, Sekaleman, Marulush
Nkoalipan, Ramelan, Tabushle, Molokane, Mapushe, Pean, Mahsele,
Malek, Kubane, Maepe, Tale, Matopi, Metsele, Koro, Msepul, Kgatuli,
Sekoan, Majeletse, Matap, Mutati, Matebel, Soalanee Mashui,
Lekuba, Manko, Tulele, Umpakan, Mahlaki, Sepokoa, Tibish, Maotosh,
Mapuka, September, Mvase, Makian, Fiet, Mashegan, Wanani, Klaas,
Mishilan, Surelele, Tuneshe, Maran, and Assaf, Sekukuni's Secre-
tary, and a number of the people.

Interpreter, the Rev. J. A. Winter.

Mr. Hodge:-

As a number of you, who are now present, were not at the
conference yesterday, I have been asked to tell you what
was told yesterday. Reads ~~minutes~~ minutes of yesterday's
conference.

Mansejani, one of Sekukuni's indunas:-

All what the Government says we will obey.

Chief Maheme:-

Sekukuni's answer is also our's.

Maripi, one of the people:-

We are only looking to the Commissioner to help us. You
must take charge of our child (Sekukuni)

Paulus Maphabule, one of the people:-

Sekukuni was always anxious to get the British Government here. We now await his reply.

Maruane, one of Sekukuni's indunas:-

I am thankful the British Government has come here to-day. We are glad. We find rest at last. We are glad that Sekukuni goes back to the place of his father.

Maluke, an induna of Chief Fasoane:-

We look to the chiefs to answer for us.

Baruti, an induna of Sekukuni:-

We are glad you have come. Now disarmament decided upon we ask for protection.

Mr. Hogge:-

we ^{are} always willing to hear every-one, now matter how lowly and humble his station may be.

Makoubi, an induna of Sfoghole:-

We are thankful that the British Government has come to uphold our chief.

Assaf, addressing the people:-

Are you glad that the British Government asks Sekukuni to lay down his arms?

Answer of the people, NO!

Assaf addressing the people:-

Will you hand in your arms?

The people answer:-

If Sekukuni tells us we will. We listen to what he has to say. We await his answer.

Makubani, one of the people:-

We will give the Government our arms, but we shall be very sorry. The lions and tigers will come and eat our goats; what then? Then the jackals will come and after them, men; what then?

Koubalabe Sekukuni's "Commandant-General":-

Sekukuni will lay down his arms with a glad heart because

it is the will of the Government. What the Government has said we must do. It must not listen to the common people. What I say is the truth. I will lay down my arms with a glad heart. If Sekukuni listens to what foolish people tell him he will have to fly to the hills.

Sekukuni addressing the people:-

Generally you are people who do not listen, but you must listen to-day. The names of the chiefs present here to-day are recorded. Every-one who does not give up his arms will have to go to prison. Each one must personally bring his gun. The Government says it is peace. We must obey and not bring trouble upon ourselves. Within one month all guns must be handed in. That is all.

Komani addressing the people:-

You must listen very ~~attentively~~ attentively to what the chief has said, otherwise you will bring trouble upon yourselves. Sekukuni has said that if you do not lay down your arms you will all have to go to prison and he alone will remain free.

Mr. Hoppe:-

I would like to say a few words. I wish first, on behalf of the Government, to thank Sekukuni, Komani and all, who have spoken, for what they have said. They are words of wise men, they are words which, if you will only listen to, will never bring you into trouble. This law has been passed and is a very wise one. When men have guns in their hands no-one knows when they may be fired off. This law has been passed that the Boers may not shoot the Englishmen, that the Englishmen may not shoot the Boers, that the Boers and the Englishmen may not shoot the native and that the native may not shoot the Boers and the Englishmen. There is no exception: *Every*-one must lay down his arms. Some-one says the lions will come; another asks for protection. The Government will protect. It is powerful and its arm is

far-reaching. There is no spot that its arm can not reach. Where I come from in the Cape Colony we have thousands of natives, and you can ask them how far the Government arm reaches, they will tell you it reaches everywhere. Ask the Cape Colony natives whether the Government does not protect them and every-one will tell you that the Government protects all. There is no-one too small for the Government to protect. The Government being in a position to protect all there is nothing to be feared in laying down your arms. Listen therefore to the words of your chief Sekukuni. They are the words of an old man: they are the words of a man who knows all that the Government can do. Believe him and he will never regret it. The Government will look after you. Mr. Knight has been sent here to live among you. He is your eye and will always *help* you. Ask him for protection and he will give it. The Government keeps hundreds of thousands of men in the country to protect you. These alone have arms. They are the king's servants and they obey him. The Government will be glad to hear of this meeting and I shall take the opportunity of telling ~~to~~ it of the wise words of the chief and his councillors.

Chief Moubuko:-

I am glad that the British Government- the one for which we have worked hard - has arrived. Now that Sekukuni has succeeded in getting the Government here we have only to look to him for everlasting peace.

Mano. Makouken's brother asks where he can hand in his

arms:-

Mr. Hoffe:-

We have considered it best that it should be left in one man's hands. 2 or 3 men valuing arms would never agree

and one man might think that he is favoured as compared with another. Mr. Knight is your Commissioner, and it is better that all arms should be brought to him.

Mr. Knight explains the boundaries of his sub-district.

Assaf addressing the people:-

you must do what Sekukuni has told you.

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