

TO LT. COLONEL JAMES DONALDSON,
FRIEND OF JUSTICE AND BENEFactor OF THE BANTU
POPULATION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

We, as representatives and leaders of our people, do hereby publicly acknowledge and declare that the Notarial Deed of Donation and Trust on the 29th April, 1936, and as amended from time to time, in which you, "Colonel James Donaldson devised a certain gift to the Trustees appointed in such Deed upon the basis that the assets and monies forming the subject of such gift should be dealt with by the Trustees for the benefit of certain Bantu Population", was a gift of vision and of outstanding national character.

This is shown by Article 4 of the Deed of Donation and Trust defining the purpose of the Trust thus :-

- "4. The purpose of the Trust shall be to give assistance to persons and/or bodies for the advancement of the status, the improvement of the conditions and the removal of the disabilities now suffered by the Bantu Population of the Union of South Africa and generally to seek the benefit and betterment of the said Bantu Population of the Union."

This declaration shows your insight, full understanding of the basis of the African's burden. It shows courage of conviction, a creative and constructive mind with a desire to see right and justice in operation for all in South Africa.

Your donation has been an inspiration of hope to our people and an immeasurable influence for good towards better race relations.

In the main purpose of the Donaldson Trust you have indicated beyond doubt that you desire the African in South Africa

to be developed to his fullest capacity of ability like other races by the "advancement of his status," improvement of his conditions and the removal of the disabilities now suffered by the Bantu Population."

Thus you showed yourself not merely a friend of the Bantu but a friend of justice which is greater and more fundamental. You have shown yourself a lover of and a believer in your fellowmen irrespective of colour. You reached down and lifted as you rose.

You seem to have taken greatest pleasure in giving as you seemed to believe that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Your selflessness and self-effacement in creating this great benefaction has been a symbol of a great and generous mind.

The turning of your great mental energies to the details of administration of the Trust, as you must have done in the amassing of the fortune which has become of great human benefit, is an indication that you do not only believe in the purposes of the Trust but you also wanted those purposes carried in spirit and letter.

This declaration is an imperfect but sincere expression of everlasting gratitude of a people to you Colonel James Donaldson and your family for your fellow-feeling and your broad humanity.

As we say in our mother tongue -

"Nangomso Mfo ka Donaldson -

Le ka moso Mora Donaldson".

In grateful acknowledgment of the gift and on behalf of our people we the undersigned append our names.

Bantu Welfare Trust

TO LT. COLONEL JAMES DONALDSON
FRIEND OF JUSTICE AND BENEFACTOR OF THE BANTU
POPULATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

WE, the undersigned, as representatives and leaders of the African people, desire hereby to place on record the deep and sincere appreciation of the people we represent for the generosity and the large-heartedness which inspired you in the creation of the Bantu Welfare Trust from which so many of our people and their organisations have already benefitted.

The Bantu Welfare Trust was created by Notarial Deed of Donation and Trust on the 29th April, 1936, and although the Deed of Trust has been amended from time to time, its basis remains the same, namely that "the assets and monies forming the subject of such gift should be dealt with by the Trustees for the benefit of the Bantu Population."

Your breadth of vision and your national outlook as donor is shown by Article 4 of the Deed of Donation and Trust which defines the purposes of the Trust as follows:-

"The purpose of the Trust shall be to give assistance to persons and/or bodies for the advancement of the status, the improvement of the conditions and the removal of the disabilities now suffered by the Bantu population and generally to seek the benefit and betterment of the said Bantu population of the Union."

This declaration shows a comprehensive understanding of the position of the Bantu population in our national life and indicates a creative and constructive mind determined to make a positive contribution to the lightening of the Black Man's Burden in the land of his birth. The courage of conviction and the public spiritedness implied in this donation has made a deep impression upon our people, has inspired them with hope regarding their future and has been an immeasurable influence for good as far as race relations in South Africa are concerned.

In the main purpose of the Donaldson Trust you have indicated beyond doubt that you desire the African in South Africa to be developed to his fullest capacity and ability like other races by the "advancement of his status, improvement of his conditions and the removal of the disabilities now suffered by the Bantu population."

In this way you showed yourself not merely a friend

of justice which is greater and more fundamental. You have shown yourself a lover of and a believer in your fellowmen irrespective of race or colour. You reached down and lifted as you rose.

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This declaration is an imperfect but sincere expression of everlasting gratitude of the African people to you, Colonel James Donaldson and your family for your fellow-feeling and your broad humanity.

As we say in our mother tongue - "Nangomso Mfo ka Donaldson -
Le ka moso Mera Donaldson."

In grateful acknowledgment of the gift and on behalf of our people we, therefore, append our names.

To Lt. Colonel James Donaldson,
Friend of Justice & Benefactor of the Bantu Population
of South Africa

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