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The Bechuana Chiefs- Sebele, Khama and Bathoen, respectively of the Bakwena, Bangwato and Bangwaketse tribes of the echuanaland Protectorate had in the meantime, on the 20th of August (1895) gone to England to personally protest to the Colonial Office (xdoxphxkhambarlain) against personally protest to the Colonial Office ***Marsphrshamberlain** against the intended transfer of their countries to the Chartered Company.

Arrived in London they saw the Secretary of State (Joseph Chamberlain) on the 25th of September and made their protest and request. In simple, quaint and picturesque language they told the great Minister: "We come to England to ask the Government of the great Queen to contonue her protection over us.. We pray you therefore not towthrow us away... Our people have been alarmed at the words which say that we are to be given to the Chartered Company ... We's fear the Company because we think they will take our land and sell it to others ... We fear them also because we hear the words of the Makalaka and the Matebele who live under the fax Company. The Government will not give us away without asking what we we hear the words of the Makalaka and the Matebele who live under the fax Company. The Government will not give us away without asking what we think about it. The Chiefs made their representations to Chamberlain verbally, and repeated their words and fears in writing. Somewhat impatiently, Chamberlain told them that the matter of transfer of their countries had long been settled, and that the administration of Bechuanaland Protectorate was definitely promised to the Chartered Company by his predecessors in office. The matterxwax decision was now irrevocable; they must just make the best of it and arrange the best terms they could with their new masters. He also made his answer to them by word of mouth and by document.

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Receiving thereport of the negotiations, Rhodes wired/to Rutherford Tarris, the Secretary of the Chartered Company; "It is humiliating to be utterly beaten by these niggers. (C.E. Vulliamy: A Study of Imperial

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Before leaving England to return home, a farewell meeting was arranged for the Chiefs at Queen's Hall, Langham Place on the night of the 2ist November. After many felicitous speeched, Khama replied on hehalf of himself and his brother chiefs. In ghanking the British people and their their Queen for their hospitality he manking the British people and their their Queen for their hospitality means "little woman", or "old woman", but is idiomatically means "dear or grand lady". The interpretter, good as he was, had however not drunk deep enough of the rich well of Tswana idiom, and shockjngly rendered the word mosadinayana by its literal meaning of "old woman" thus occasioning dissatisfaction, and turn ing the meeting into a muttering fiasco. His interpretation in fact became interruption, which nearly translated a friendly meeting into a war between the British public and the Bechuana people. (Infam Miss Daniels - born in Thaba Ncho and present at the Meeting).

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Now therefore, under and by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby proclaim, declare, and make known as follows:
1. Within and in relation to the Ba-Malete and Ba-Rolong Territories in the Bechuanaland Protectorate... all other Proclamations or laws at variance with then provisions of this Proclamation, shall be, and are hereby repealed.

11. Within the Ba-Malete and Ba-Rolong Territories aforesaid, the laws and regulations of the British South Africa Company shall henceforth have

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The territory of the Tshidi Barolong lies between that of the Batlhaping on the south, the Bangwaketse on the north, the Transvaal in the east, and the Batlharo on the west. It is traversed in its northern parts by the Molopo river and its Ramatlabama pributary. These water coursed were made the boundary in 1222 between the erastwhile Crown Colony of British Bechuanaland andxthexpechuanalandxtrotectorate in the south and the Bechuanalnd Protectorate whenxxthaxxwere created in 1885 . In this way the wanalnd Protectorate whenxxthaxxwere created in 1885. In this way the arolong territory was arbitrarily divided into two parts - the EMMLERN British Bechuanaland Crown Colony subsequently Cape Frovince, and finally South African Union) portion on the south, and the Bechuanaland Protectorate portion on the north. It was thus subjected to "a dual mandate" or double administration. The southern portion which was first created a Crown Colony as British Bechuanaland in 1885, subsequently annexed to the ape Colony in 1895, and finally became part of the union of South Africa in 1909 has any been administered one way, while the northern portion has to a great extent shared the vicissitudes of the Batswana countries north of the Manatta Molopo and amatlabama rivers, and come in common with them inder the direct control of the Imperial Government.

In primitive Tswana life, Tife had, no intrinsic value, and land proprietorship was a vague conception, while its occupancy or residence were fitful and precarious, its limits and boundaries shifty and vague.

were fitful and precarious, its limits and boundaries shifty and vague. Anywhere that you or your vassals pitched a wattle-and-daub shelter for Anywhere that you or your vassals pitched a wattle-and-daub shelter for however short a season, anywhere you grazed or wattred your stock, or raised melons or hunted for game, or had your relative or vassal buried was your land. Thus the land for miles north me, south, east and west of Mafikeng was Montshiwa's land, as much as anybody kand else's land. Even today, the Vaal and Orange Rivers, and the kimitaxanexthe Kgalagare (desert) are regarded as fallingxwithi the limits of the land of Tau, the ancestor of Montshiwa if perchance his shadow ever fell there, until definite boundaries were laid down between him and his neighbours in the south restandance has a prolong) east Transvall and west (Batlou Barolong) east Transvall and west (Batlou Barolong) south, markandxwart (Ratlou Barolong) east Transvaal) and west (Ratlou Barolong and atlharo). Thre remained the north where the cattleposts, garden lands, waterpits and hunting grounds of the Bangwaketsexwatertappa overlapped, where the old stations and the graves of their vassals and relatives were dotted haphazardly among each other's. In such localities, each tribal chief claimed the land as his other's. In such localities, each tribal chief claimed the land as his but there was no actual dispute until such a thing as a boundary line came to be recognised with the advent of European ideas of individualism, came to be recognised with the advent of European ideas of individualism, and berritorial, as distinct from personal jurisdiction about 1885. There are quickly, the question of demarcation between the Barolong of Montshiwa and the Bangwaketse of Pathoen assumed a foreign importance and many became a dispute which antimaged in the Protecting Power then appointed a High Commissioner, representing the Protecting Power then appointed a Boundary Commission under the assistant Commissioner the Rev John Smith Montat to define the line between Montshiwa and Bathoen. The decision was in favour of Montshiwa's claim, being a line from Mahura Pan (Mabete) westwards betond Matsheng pans, very much to the indignation of Bathoen at whose instance the Commission had been appointed. When the beacons were traded to send represent.

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MrxMoffat and W.H.Surmon were then sent to review the kins boundary, and they moved it considerably south to appease Bathoen, but in so doing injured Montshiwa, who now sent three men-Josiah Motshegare, Silas Molemand Stephen Lefenya to protest to High Commissioner Henry Loch in Cape Town, but all in vain. That boundary line has remained virtually unchanged to this day, being a line from Mahura Pan at Mabete westward over Kgoro Hill and further westward until it strikes the Molopo River. The thanker included between that line and the Ramatlabama and then Molopo River

included between that line and the Ramatlabama and then Molopo River represents the Barolong Territory in the echuanaland Protectorate.

As far back as 1884, the Chief Montshiwa had in immitation of his nephew Tshipinare- Moroka's successor at Thaba Ncho - conceived the plan of dividing the lands of the Tshidi Barolong on both sides of the mantlabama into farms. On the south, High Commissioner Robinson and Admiministrator Sidney Shippard had consistently obstructed him, and explicitly prejudiced the issue when the chief's wishes were placed before the Rama Land Commission which sat at Mafeking in January and My 1886 the High Commissioner delivering himself of the statement that he was personally unfavourable to allowing natives to hold land on individual tenure which has become axiomatic in South African "Native Affairs." on the untenable grounds that Africans are not sufficiently addranced for that right, as indeed for any right.

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It is a little enclave of 432 aquare miles. On the north of the Ramatlabama, the vagueness of the northern and northwestern boundary of the Barolong territory and the chronic dispute as with the Bangwaketse chief Bathoen about the demarcation tied Montshiwa's hands, but as soon as this ma dispute was settled, and a definite line drawn between the Bangwakete and the BarolongxxMontskiwa in 1892, Montshiwa set about to divide the Barolong territory into separate farms. He had the land carefully surveyed by H.P.Ashton and divided into 42 farms of about 3,000 morgen each. These he allotted in March 1895 to individual members of his tribeby Certificates of Occupation drawn up by Attorneys De Kock and De Kock of "afeking and approved by the High Commissioner Sir Henry Loch. The certificates arexambjactate thexconditionxthatxthexgrantsxcannotxbexalienatedxexceptxtoxotherxmenberskofkthakkarolongktribe confer pastoral, agricultural and residential rights upon the holder, and are subject to the condition that these rights cannot be alienated except to another member of the arolong tribe. They were registered in the edg Office at Vryburg.

The object of these grants was threefold, namely to prevent the land from being alienated to foreigners, especially Europeans, to reward men who had served the tribe with distinction, and to endow a heritage on Chief Monsthiwais own sons and near relatives. These grants were defi-

Chief Monsthiwa's own sons and near relatives. These grants were definitely and deliberately made to individuals as such, and not as trustees for the tribe or sections of ntijanty they are subject to the ordinary laws of inheritance and have/so descended from father to son or next of kin in themale line for the last sixty years, even though, theoretically the farm reverts to the Chief on the death of the grantee ('A.Sillery: The Bechuanaland Protectorate pp 174-175)

(Lord Hailey: "ative Administration in the British African Territories

Part V. pp255-257)

It was shortly after Montshiwa had thus disposed of the Barolong territory in the Protectorate into what was now called Barolong Farms that it fell into the tentacles of Rhodes and his myrmidions
To destroy Rhodes and his proteges, the gods played riotously and roguishly into his hands by providing that his representatives should inveigle Ikaneng, and especially Montshiwa to cede their territories to the Chartered Company in October 1895. The possession of Montshiwa's territory provided Jameson with a jumping-off ground at Mabete or Pitsana Photlhoko, three miles from the Transvaal border, for his notorious raid. Other fatally favourable circumstances were the Annexation of the Crown Colony of British Bechuanaland to the ape Colony at this time, causing more or less, disruption and confusion inseparable affavoura at afikeng, circumstances inseparable from any change-over, and favoura able to any illegitimate risk, the eyes and mind of the administration being turned south Then to complete making Rhodes and Jameson the darlings of the gods, the Erbuanaland Border Police were conveniently assembled at afeking by Sir Herchhes Robinson's orders to be there disbanded, and were at once snapped up by Jameson to enlarge his hix force which was being moved down from Bulawayo to Pitsana Photloko. This force consisted of 250 men with 293 horses, 168 mules, 6 maxims and 2 fieldpieces. it fell into the tentacles of Rhodes and his myrmid/ons and 2 fieldpieces.

Jameson came down to Mabetet Pitsana Photloko) early in November, ostensibly and evendemonstrably to commence his duties as Resident Commissioner of Southern Bechuanaland Protectorate, but in reality to make final preparations for his incursion into the Transvaal.

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On the night of the 29th December 1895, Dr Jameson, Sir J. Willoughby, Col.Raliegh Grey and Major Robert White at the head of a force numbering nearly 600 crossed the Transvaal border to raid Johannesburg. They were defeated and surrounded by Gen. Piet Cronje at Doornkop near Krugersdorp. Thier effort eneded in ludicrous fiasco.

The raid put the British Government in an awkward position with regard to the Transvaal, and made it reverse the intention and repudiate the promises to the Chartered Company who thus forfeited their prize, and The lands of Montshiwa and ikaneng reverted to their owners. Attuation of the Colonial Office to prove their ignorance of the plot, and non-complicity in it. Finally the Government had to the same of the Jameson-Rhodes scheme, launched so auspiciously ended most ignominiously. At the beginning everything went right. At the end "there was

niously. At the beginning everything went right. At the end "there was hardly a thing that failed to go wrong (Sarah G. Millin: Rhodes p. 282)

1896: At the end of March, Montshiwa's Prime Minister - Israel Molema died from a chronic bullet wound in the lung, received in the last battle

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between the Barolong and the Boers in May 1884. At the funeral ceremony at the 'kgotla' Montshiwa ptid tribute to the deceased in his last a and most memorable speech which filled the tribe with awe and was repeat for years after the chief himself had passed. While recounting the calamities that had recently visited the tribe with such tragic succession he said "Majang, the wife and companion of my youth and manhood is gone, be be believed by the wife and companion of my youth and manhood is gone, we will an oracle is gone; and now Israel Molema, my light and your light, my task chief and last adviser who remained to comfort and solace me in these grievous losses, the face who remained to comfort and solace me in these grievous losses, the principal hier and successor of Molema. As for my life, and for my very life. For this aftern is Molema's own town and he is grael's as the principal hier and successor of Molema. As for my life, you all know how he rescued me when I was surrounded by the sons of Rapulana at ga-Schuba in 1881. His very death now: Is it not due to his laying down his life for me, and for you "to rescue us from the dull yoke of a bloodthirsty foe? Mow he is gone, and in my old age I am left alone as a tree standing in a plain by itself, beaten and buffetted by cold winds, wild storms and death-dealing lightning, Montshiwa was much distressed and was derried away from the kgotla speechless, in a fit of uncontrollable emotion, and was never himself again, until he followed his prime minister six months afterwards.

Early in 1896, rinderpest declared itself among the cattle population in the maffileng district. The disease had been known to exist in Abyssinia in 1890, and had crept south to Central Africa, being conveyed by large game buffaloes, elands, gemsbok, hartebeest and ther antelope. It had then been conveyed further south y transpot animals belonging to hunters and traders until it reached Rhodesia and then spread rapidly to Bechuabe land, decimating hundreds of thousands of cattle Among the Earolong of Montshiwa, many men regarded as wealthy, as having a lot of cattle were left with only a stack of hides, while the lucky one work left with a mere handful of cattle Montshimation and their allies are said to have lost about 80,000 cattle, and the laps frowince well over half a million cattle for the railway taxtulawayaxhad from Mafeking to bally a million cattle for the railway taxtulawayaxhad from Mafeking to be be carried by ox-waggons this service was completely crippled as spans of trek oxen were destroyed in their yokes along the 500 miles route, and the wagons had in most cases to be abandoned. Donkeys and mules came into their own, a donkey fetching anything from Me to £12, and a mule many Barolong men were engaged in this lucrative undertaking

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Close of an Epoch Sunday On the 19th of October 1995 the Chief Monyshiwa died. The end was not unexpected. The royal circle and courtyard had been crowded with men of all ages groupd or regiments for several days, while relays of women had assisted in the performance of domestic duties in and around the royal abode But on this day, the numbers of men and and women had increased considerably. The royal place had been because the above and the street of the above and the street of the street of the street of the summoned to shrive the Chief, and had administered the last sacraments, many has a street of deep sention. Around the dying Chief were his wives, his daughter Buku, his sons Besele and Badirile, his brothers Seru and Saane, his nephews Lekoko, Bathobatho and Moshwela, and his cousins Motlhware and Setumo, most of them with their wives. The Chief was as jocular as usual until coma supervened. It was in the late evening, about nine o'clock when the end came. Those who witnessed the events of that night could never forget them . No sconer did the bells toll and the word go round that the old Chief had run his race than immense crowds of people trooped to the royal kgotla from every quarter of the town, until there was hardly standing room in the spacious forum and courtyards.

The boundary of which people who have been followed by seems of his wedded to the contains. Like the Egyptians and the Jews of old, the Barolong of Montshiwa's time were notorious for the wild lamentations the frantic wailings the hysterical and demonstrative manner in which they mourned their dead. Tearful, sobbing and screaming women, tossing and tearing themselves, and blindly falling about as if bereft of their senses for mia moaning, whimpering and speaking their misfortune in half-choking voice could not be comforted. Dazed and stunned men and grief-stricken men, sitting, standing, slouching or moving aimlessly about in utter bewilderment, or collected in little knots and speaking in undertones of bated breath. It was obvious that a major calamity had befallen the tribe. Exfolit children had been born while Montshiwa was chief. They grew up to be men and women, and Mankakiwaxxwaxxxxtillxxhisf themselves begat chilbe men and women, and Mankakiwaxxwaxxxtillxxhixf themselves begat children, and Monsthiwa was still chief. Many of them grew old and died, and still Montshiwa was chief. Montshiwa seemed to be undying. It was almost incredible that he was now deat. He had become a legendary figure and no wonder many unconsciously sang beet almost by defection.

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Be comforted, take courage, for Montshiwa still is chief.) (3) instead of "Thy Redeemer still rei reigns. fear ThankineAll are depressed; consternation All are depressed; melancholy is written on every face; the tribe is half-paralysed with consternation and awe, and well it might, for Fires were tit made at the kgotla according to an undying custom, and around blazing logs of wood, men sat, reclined or slept throughout the night and duringsam were to do so for a fortnight to keep a ceremonial vigil over the resting place of the departed monarch. These scenes were repeated at the funeral on Tuesa, 21st Ost in the royal caltle fold on Tuesday the 21st of October. From all parts of Bechuanaland immense crowds of people came to pay their respects to the memory of the grat chiefand warrior whoepitomised Tswana thought and represented a definite era in Tswana history. The folder of the Moshete, Chief Phoi, Chief Bathoeif, Chief Moshete, Chief Phoi, Chief Bathoeif, Chief Tkalafeng, Chief Sebele. He was a factor of the Sebele Moshete and nearly all the Europeans of Mafeking. france the dull a ske of hier barbarie for "

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