

The Report and the Position  
Pertaining matters affecting Sekhukhuniland and Areas.

1. Prisoners. The way in which people are being escorted and charged without laying their evidence, when they are brought to the Charge Office, they are only sentenced to heavy fines and hard labour.
2. Hats. Hats being of greatest offence when used by the owner in the premises of the Commissioner's Office. Hats must be put away or hidden somewhere far, after which the owner can fetch it or if the hat is being stolen it is to the owner's risk.
3. Goods. When goods get lost after they have been sent by the owner in any of the towns like Pretoria and Johannesburg of which the S.A.R. Motor Lorries are responsible, reports and inquiries were directed to people concerned but unfortunately get no reply from these Chiefs, Commissioner and the Lorry drivers. Should a lost property be discovered in one of the Cottages, and a report of this effect has been made to the above said persons still all in vain and all ignored. The guards of this Cottages under the direct control of Sekhukhuniland Council when asked about the goods or unclaimed goods said that some of them were sold to the police and the money was handed to the Native Commissioner in Sekhukhuniland as his chief master.
4. Progress. The wish and the idea is to keep back the progress of the nation far below the present Standard human being. People are made as lazy as ever and mercilessly made poor so that they may give themselves in the mines.
5. Water. Since the Sekhukhuniland is such a dry Country. We have constantly asked our Commissioner to build dams for us unfortunately no attempt or steps to that effect has been endeavoured and simply ignored our earnest request request. This comes to be seen as Senator H. Basner says that people living in the Reserves are made or turned into lazy men and be be send later to the mines as labourers so that no steps or improvement could ever be made.  
Secondly, there is a Water-pipe at Schoonoord which was introduced by the excommissioner Mr C.H. Batten with the soul idea to supply these thirsty people with water, unfortunately after his departure, the present Commissioner working entirely against the system and says Natives never before drank from a water-pipe but the Well which is purely a scandal to the African people.
6. The Council. The Council does not show any signs any powers or authority. There is always a police on guard the gate to stop all people from going in the meeting of the Council and such people as those who are not in good books of the Commissioner. We have all evidences from the Councillor that they cannot do as they wish that is they cannot ~~do as they wish~~ lay out their opinions unless they must be told to do.

7. Dipping.

We pay five shillings 5/- annually, we built it by ourselves, we fill it with water without any pay: should our cattle die therein nobody is responsible but the owner. There are many people who were injured during the work and nobody took any responsibility on them but themselves. In case of some cattle which accidentally got lost there is a fine of Ten shillings 10/- should rain stop you or in case of illness you are responsible and the sum 10/- is demanded from you.

8. Buying of Farms. In connection with the buying of farms the N.A.D. is not ready to help the Councilors, chiefs and people but everything goes secretly and privately. Should someone like to know about the buying of farms and its procedure, he will definitely be ignored or otherwise will be told of being deported to an unknown places.

9. Post-Office. We lost a great deal in Post-Offices in Sekhukhuniland. If someone sends goods, say, shelves costing £5 when the goods arrive at the Post-Office, they are being searched otherwise exchanged into ordinary common planks and send them to you.

10. Road Workers. Sometime ago these men used to get £3 a month, food free, paraffin free to prevent dangerous roads during the time of ex-commissioner Mr C.H. Batten. Today this is a disappointing state of affair and a disgrace among the nation since a man gets One pound Ten shillings (£1-10-0) a month on his ration and his own paraffin out of the One pound Ten shillings. They have to inspan themselves on an iron Scotch-cut and which is a living thing. And if one of the labourers has been injured during the work, the Council has nothing to do with him, but has to find the way to the Hospital at his own responsibility. The Doctor is unable to visit the sick because of the bad roads, and he has therefore stopped on this account.

11. Sickness.

There are many dangerous in the Geluks location and which can only be cured by demolishing Hitlerism and dictatorship on the Native Commissioner residing in Sekhukhuniland there can be a good progress in healing down all these such as malaria fever which is so prevalent horrors of small-pox tuberculosis, blindness, Chicken-pox mumps, measles and other dangerous infection diseases many people especially women and children die without any report.

12. Trading.

It has been found that Europeans trading in the Geluks Location should not be permitted except that there are no other Native traders written as follows:-

The non-interest in any other trading site within a radius of 20 miles of the site should be cancelled in any Native reserve it looks as if this was only referred to the old business men sometime ago. There should be trading plots allotted to any business man as in the Municipal areas. There shouldn't be any Government work in Sekhukhuniland run by Europeans unless there is no one Africaner who can do it.

There is a Water-pipe in Schoonoord which came during the time of Mr C.H. Batten, which supplied people with water since his departure the Water-pipes do not work any longer because the present Commissioner says a "Kaffir" never drank water from a Water-pipe.

The onlookers of this Cottages under the direct of the Sekhukhuniland Council when asked about the goods or unclaimed goods they report that some of them were sold to the police and the money was handed to the Commissioner.

13. Native Trust Farms.

There is danger of hunger and poverty, it stops us from ploughing, we are forced to plough on hilly places where we get no crops at all on better and level places people are strictly warned not to plough there because we spoil grass, and we are stopped to rear cattle and goats. An old or elderly are not required in the Trust Farms including cripples, blinds and other disabled persons a thing which never occurred before this Trust farms existed. All these ways if dealing with Natives residing in the Geluks Location and reserves by the Native Affairs Department, Officials are very unsatisfactory introduced these better ideas, he is told by these Officials that he will be deported to unknown destinations, especially if you would like to know the positions of the finance, which we pay yearly or be sentenced to some month after you fail to pay.

14. Location Administration:-

That the powers of the Native Commissioner be taken by the Council, which will be under the Minister of Native Affairs. In order that the Council shall be in the power to make laws and regulations in the Location, as the Town Council under the Urban Area Act so that the Minister of Native Affairs is well informed because at present he is not well informed.

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