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Masurik's Report

NATIVE COMMISSIONERSHIPS.

SIKUKUNILAND.

There is a most urgent necessity for the appointment of Native Commissioners,- not so much for the administration of justice amongst the Natives (as contemplated by Law No. 4 of 1885) but for the purpose of assisting in the pacification of the country, and acting as advisory officers and commissioners in connection with such matters as are referred to in paragraphs Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this report.

Two appointments of Acting Commissioners have been made: one by Major-General F. W. Kitchener in Sikukuniland and the other, I understand, by the Director of Military Intelligence, Army Headquarters.

Mr B. Haigh, the Acting Commissioner, Sikukuniland, is well recommended by Major-General Kitchener, and Colonel Henderson the Director of Military Intelligence. He was appointed on the 28th of April last, his duties being defined as under:-

To select 12 good Natives as Police, the number to be increased to meet the requirements of keeping order.

To deal with all Native squabbles through the Chiefs, being careful to exercise discreet authority.

To enquire into matters of dispute between Chiefs,

and report the same to the Military Governor, Pretoria

Reports have been received from Mr Haigh from time to time, chiefly on matters of dispute between Sikukuni and Balukutu.

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