

P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

September 26th, 1939.

To Senators, M.P.s and M.P.Cs.

1. I have learned, unofficially, but quite authoritatively that the next meeting of the Natives Representative Council has been fixed, provisionally, for November 27th.

2. I have had a private conversation with Mr. Hofmeyr to follow up a talk Senator Brookes had with him at Cape Town immediately on the formation of the Smuts Cabinet. Mr. Hofmeyr is very sympathetic to the idea of making an extra ex gratia payment to relieve the Provinces of the most urgent needs in Native Education (e.g. in the Transvaal the teachers in training who complete their course in December have had six months longer in training because of a change over in the time of completing the training, but only 20% can be employed in the present circumstances). Dr. Eiselen and I have followed this up with conversations with Mr. Smit, and we have wired to the Chief Inspectors of Native Education urging them to put in memoranda, (1) asking for immediate relief and (2) putting forward the reasonable needs for 1940/1. It is possible that the Advisory Boards of the four Provinces will seek an interview with Colonel Reitz (Mr. Hofmeyr assured me that he would support the appeal for relief if Colonel Reitz did so.)

Mr. Hofmeyr does not think that the question of control should be brought up for a year or two, and he is willing to consider giving an extra amount for 1940/1 as a temporary measure.

3. The Postmaster-General is concerned over the signs that African depositors of the Post Office Savings Bank are withdrawing their deposits owing to nervousness caused by enemy propaganda. At a meeting I addressed at Randfontein on the 19th instant I found that there has been a great deal of nervousness because of talk that "Hitler is coming", and that my reassurances were received with great relief. The Secretary for Native Affairs will be glad if we will do all we can to reassure Africans.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/MM

FROM

SENATOR EDGAR H. BROOKES.

RAILWAY STATION:
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TELEPHONE:
ADAMS MISSION STATION, No. 1.

"EMSEBENI,"

P.O. ADAMS MISSION STATION,
NATAL.

EHB/MR

October 30, 1939

Senator the Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones,
Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

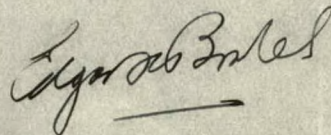
My dear Jones,

Thank you for your letter of October 23 regarding Govt.
Notice No. 1228.

In this particular case it would help me a lot if you
could manage to communicate with the other Parliamentary re-
presentatives, as I am rather behindhand with my work. As
regards a permanent arrangement, perhaps I had better save
you this trouble as often as I can, and ask you specifically
when it would really help.

I feel that as many shots as possible should be fired
at the Department on this matter, and from as many quarters
as possible.

Yours sincerely,


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Return to Senator

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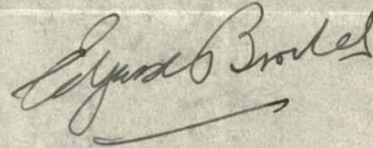
November 7, 1939

Senator the Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones,
Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear Jones,

Did you get any further with the negotiations with General Smuts about the nominated Senatorships? The time is drawing very near. I am most anxious both to get good general appointments, and also to do what I can for Shepstone.

Yours sincerely,





20th November 39.

Dear Senator and Friend,

Many thanks for your telegram congratulating me on my reelection as member of the Senate. Both Mrs. Nelson and I appreciate the kind thought which prompted it.

Some think I should be a candidate for the Chair of the President, others think I shall be of more service on the floor of the House. I am quite content to remain where I am.

Yours sincerely
J. S. Nelson.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.
UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS,
KANTOOR VAN DIE MINISTER VAN PUBLIEKE WERKE,
PRETORIA.

28th November, 1939.

Dear Senator Jones,

A President will have to be elected for the new Senate. The Senate as a whole will meet for this purpose on Friday, the 19th January, at 9.30 a.m. It is necessary for all those Senators supporting the Government that they should also meet prior to this to discuss and decide the question as to who is to be the new President. I accordingly ask you to be good enough to attend a meeting in the Caucus Room in the Senate on Thursday, the 18th January, at 4 p.m. Please make a special effort to be present at this Caucus.

I am taking the initiative in this matter as the leader of all those supporting the Government in the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Clankin

Senator the Hon. J.D.R. Jones,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

C O P Y

Office of the Minister of
Posts & Telegraphs,
PRETORIA,
28th November, 1939

My dear Senator,

Thank you very much for the letter of congratulations that you sent to my home, and which I only received to-day.

I am very glad to remain in the Senate and to continue to lead it for the Government.

In a day or two you will get an invitation to attend the caucus for the election of a new President. I intend to invite all those supporting the Government to be present.

We shall have to be very careful in the conduct of the business of the Senate, and I am going to suggest at the meeting that you people, the Dominion people and the Labour people must arrange with our Party Whip for absence, so that he can arrange pairing. Discipline must be insisted on from the very beginning, otherwise we shall wake up and find ourselves in the minority. The happy-go-lucky method that has prevailed in the past has gone. I may be mistaken, but I feel that our opponents will use the Senate as a platform to address the country, and we must be prepared to meet that challenge.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) CHAS. E. CLARKSON

Senator the Hon. Edgar H. Brookes,
"Emsebeni",
P. O. Adams Mission Station,
Natal.



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17. XI. 39.

Dear Jones,

I have your letter
of to-day's date.

When I discussed the matter
with Brooks about a month
ago the idea was that the
national representatives would
write to Smith and suggest having
a discussion with him about
the nominations. I had
hoped that such a discussion

had already taken place, and
would lead to good results.

I am sorry that the plan
has miscarried.

No things done, then are
various personal considerations
of such a nature that I am
not hopeful of a good result.

Of course there are in
any case only three, not
four, sinecures open.

Non-European interests in the
Cape are represented by
Sinecure Jaurie!

Yours truly
G. J. Jaurie

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December 8, 1939

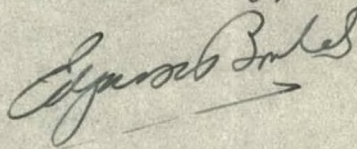
Senator the Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones,
Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear Jones,

This is to let you know that the opening of the Congress is fixed for the morning of the 15th, and not for the 16th. Would it be possible for you to pass this information on to Mrs. Ballinger and Molteno? I enclose with this a copy of a letter received by me from Senator Clarkson. I am sending similar copies to Welsh and Malcomess.

I am writing separately to Mrs. Jones, but may I take this opportunity of thanking you now for your wonderful hospitality? The week-end with you was a very great pleasure.

Yours sincerely,



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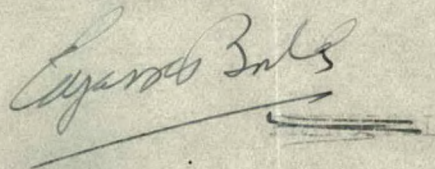
December 13, 1939

Senator the Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones,
Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear Jones,

I saw Mr. Hofmeyr at Pretoria on the question of initiation of bills in the Senate next session. As you realise, this is a special opportunity which we must not let pass. He cannot, of course, initiate financial bills with us, and has no educational bill, but he suggested that I should write to Stuttaford, Collins, Lawrence and Madeley, asking them to consider introducing their bills in our House. I have done so, and have also written to Clarkson. I have ventured to write in the name of our group, and hope you will give me your indemnity for doing so without consulting you first.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Balthus, Herminie & Mollino to be included.

Reply 27/12/39

East London

19 Dec. 1939.



Dear Senator Jones

It seems to me highly desirable that our group should meet before we attend the caucus at 4 p.m. on 18th January and I suggest that you, as convenor, should circularise our colleagues asking them to meet at 10 a.m. on that day (18th January) in our Committee Room. Besides discussing the

situation referred to by
Senator Clarkson in his
letters we must consider
& formulate our views
in regard to representation
on the various Senate
Committees, particularly
that of Native Affairs.
To appoint Fourie & his
three colleagues to the
Committee & only two
of us would be absurd!
With kindest regards &
the Season's greetings
to both of you.

Yours sincerely

M. A. Webb

East London



29th Dec. 1939.

Dear Senator Jones

Thank

you for your letter of
27th inst. just received.

I agree with your views
that "levies on food crops"
& the "Report of the Native
Farm Labour Committee"
should come up for
discussion at once. I
take it you will
arrange for this to be
done. I shall probably
table a couple of ques-
tions as soon as we meet.

I am sorry Brookes will not arrive till Thursday afternoon, but I feel the rest of us should meet + discuss policy, before we attend the U.P. Council on 18th prox. I think our colleagues of the Assembly should be invited to attend. Their position is very similar to ours.

I had a letter this afternoon ^{from S. Melan} which he writes:

"Tho' my name has been
 " mentioned (as President)
 " I do not expect that
 " it will be formally put
 " forward at the meeting.
 " Of course I shall not give
 " the matter a second thought."

" unless it be the general
 " desire that I should
 " submit myself for
 " nomination."

I do hope he will not
 be pressed to claim
 his help & guidance from
 the "floor" is too precious.

I too will arrive at
 C.T. on 17th proximo,
 by the afternoon train
 & am going, as usual,
 to the International.
 I shall look forward to
 a discussion with you
 that evening.

My daughter is better,
 though not yet quite
 recovered. My wife is

...making slow progress.
Our very kind regards
& sincerest wishes for a
happy new year to
you & your wife
Yours sincerely

John ... on 18th Nov.
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of the ...
be united to attend.
Their position is very
similar to our.
I have a letter this afternoon
from ...
...
"The ..."
"members (as President)"
"So we ..."
"it will be formally put"
"forward at the meeting."
"Of course ..."
"the ..."

C. H. MALCOMESS.

Her Mouth
WOLSELEY ESTATE,
BERLIN,
C.P.
3/12/38.

Dear Penelope

Many thanks for
yours of the 27th & the good wishes
which we heartily reciprocate.
I did not feel inclined to
send out any good wishes
we have been born into times
of strife & hate & all we can
wish that peace will come
soon & a lasting one. And
here I pin my faith on Gen
Burns who I believe will be
helping us at last.

I am arriving in Capetown
on the 17th & will be in the House
the whole of the 18th.

I note what you say about
Penelope J. P. Malou. I regret
that you promised him what
he is anxious for the Chair &
we will lose his services &
with his influence on both sides

C. H. MALCOMESS.

WOLSELEY ESTATE,
BERLIN,
C.P.

If the House we should combine
to keep him out.
Senator Myburgh is standing
he will be an outstanding
Chairman. I believe that
Senator Courage is ruining him
& I have practically promised
my support. I have written
to S.S. that I will do my best
to keep him out.
Our kindest regards to you
both.

Yours sincerely
Malcomess

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