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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Dear Major Hunt,

Thank you very much indeed for your notes on the history of the Bapedi. My husband and I sat down and read them through at once we found them so interesting. I should like to see them published as an introduction to the notes on the Bapedi that we hope to publish for Mr Barnard. Would you be willing to let us do this? Major Harries gives no history in his Bapedi Laws and Customs and though there is some history of the Bapedi in the little handbook on the Tribes of the Transvaal it is nothing like so complete as yours. The history after the contact with Europeans is dealt with by Theal and others, of course, but the early history should be published.

I think it is most likely that I shall come alone and I shall be very grateful to accept your offer to meet me on the 16th in Lydenburg. I am very much looking forward to visiting Sekukuniland and I shall hope to have a thorough command of the already published material when I come so that we shall know what the gaps in our knowledge are. The Berlin missionaries have published a good deal and I am now checking up this material,

I shall write again nearer the time of my visit,

*John Linnell*  
*D. W. Howland*



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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE:

Dear Major Hunt,

Your notes were exactly what I wanted . Very many thanks for them and also for the sketch map. That map must go in with this history when we publish it, only it will have to be done in indelible ink so that it can be easily copied and I fear colours are too expensive for us, so we must just have the approximate tribal boundaries. A map does help written description so tremendously,

I have got the money advanced for Barnard's collection and have written offering him £50. Many people think it a very stiff price It is hard to estimate the value of things of that sort that have no real economic value. From the Congo we are getting together a most useful collection, and these things are not costing us anything like Barnard's collection even including the railage! However I think we should have the collection if it is sold at all, and I trust if it comes people will not think we have been too extravagant over it!

The bored stone article should be coming our any day now and Paver is coming to dinner next week to discuss the rest of Barnards material so we are doing what we can for him!

*with all but wastes*

*Trust remaining*

*A. G. K. M. L.*

P. O. Box 102

Ventersdorp, Transvaal

27-11-30

Dear Major Hunt

I was very sorry that, after reading your manuscript history of the Bapedi, your visitor's presence took away <sup>from me</sup> the opportunity of telling you how much I enjoyed reading it through; and how earnestly I hope you will see your way, not only ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> publishing what you have so far written, but of bringing your record of events at least down to the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and, if possible, to the end of the Great World War. There is so much information contained in your mss that I, for one, would dearly like to possess a copy in permanent form. I do not know whether the assurance would carry any weight with you; but, if so, I would like to assure you that, when the notes are published, I shall gladly pay anything up to a guinea for my copy; — so earnestly do I desire to possess the detailed information you have been at such pains to embody in your manuscript.

I saw Mr. Allcock, my Chief, on my way here. And, in the course of an interview, he told me he had received a very kind letter from you in reference to my temporary removal from Sekhukhu-niland, though he did not show me the letter, nor did he divulge the terms expressed therein. I thank you, however, for your kindness in writing to him thus.

Temporarily, I have permission to live in Ventersdorp, and, <sup>have</sup> to pay frequent visits to Mithyl Farm, which is only about 9 miles to the Eastward. It is, as you will imagine, a great contrast to my Back Veld life. And though I shall do my best in the changed conditions of life, I shall earnestly look forward to the time, (whether the interval be longer or shorter), when I shall be free to return, permanently, to my Back Veld home.

With kindest regards to Mr. Hunt and yourself,

I remain

Major D.R. Hunt  
Sekhukhuland.

Yours sincerely  
G. Moseley.

Dear Major

I have read your Bapedi history through again, the more I read of it, the more I want to, it is very interesting. I certainly cannot find anything to criticize in it. I was under the impression that Sekwatis father of Sekukuni only died a few years ago. I can also tell you Wintlers version of his dislike for Sekukuni. As to the future progress of the tribe, it is hard to say, if there was had a sensible, fearless, & generous Govt a good deal good be achieved. We are aware that the location is totally inadequate for the wants of the tribe, and I should like to see them in possession of the whole of Baskukuni land. The Govt could buy up all the farms. and resell back to the tribe in one swoop, and give them say fifty years to repay. Say at £3,000 per annum. £150,000. Have one chief, give him more power & pomp. Better education for all the young ones also much more to be done in regards agriculture & stock raising

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Christianize them on good solid lines  
Taking Great Care in the selection of  
Ministers and school masters.

Eventually their wants will increase  
and that would mean that they  
would have to go out to work  
to obtain the money to satisfy them,  
which would be food for trade.

as you say, if Pskwari could be  
joined up, it would make a fine  
little area, known as Bapediland.

Yours sincerely  
W. P. Barnard

9.1.31

I see page 6. deals with 1902-3. Page 7, 1901  
It is alright, I see.

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