

To

Montsiva
Chief of the Barolonge.

Newcastle, Natal 11 May 81

My good friend

I, who write to you, am Sir Evelyn Wood who has taken the place of your friend Sir George Colley as General of the Queen's troops.

I have heard with sorrow that there has been trouble between you and + Mutchabi and that Commandos have been sent out to make war:

I must tell you that a Royal Commission is now sitting here, and may shortly proceed to Pretoria to enquire ^{into} and settle Transvaal matters, and the whole question of the Kats' award territory, and the fact that fighting is going on, on its western border, has been brought before it, as there are always two sides to every question, I have determined to send an Officer in whom I have every trust — Major Ernest Buller of the Rifle Brigade — to enquire and report to me about the cause of the fight.

I hope therefore that you will not allow any more fighting to go on, but you will keep your people quiet, and render help to Major Buller; so that the Royal Commission

Commission may be able to judge who is
right and who is wrong.

Major Buller will see that any
Boer Commandos which may have assembled
shall be dispersed, so that you need not
fear any attack if you send your people
to their homes.

I am

Chief Montsida

Your Good Friend

Nelson Wood Major General
Deputy High Commissioner

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