

30th August, 1947.

The Town Clerk:
CHARLESTOWN.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of a number of Natives who leased plots of land in your Township for ploughing purposes, who are now required to discontinue using the ervens on the ground that the Government has refused to approve of the occupation.

These Natives have asked me to make representation to the Department of Native Affairs. Before doing so, I would like to get from you the true facts of this matter. The Natives are rate payers. They reside in the Township. They have been residing in the Township some of them long before the Land Acts. It seems a hardship if their leases are being cancelled without their case having been heard.

As I am writing, I have with me here a deputation from these Natives consisting of Jeremiah Mdakane and Piet Shabalala who have been sent to me by them.

Yours faithfully,

W G CHAMBERLAIN

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