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Another's Burden"

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*Kra*  
 Ke tla go koalela gape ka mafoko a Kapa. Gompheo ke go itsise mafoko a: -  
 fatho erile ka 1917 Bo Tau le Chief John ba adina madi mo Matyeng a Johanesburg ka di's pullu lo tsa fa Mr Seme.  
 Mungoa madi are ke tla a utsha fa mongwe mono Johanne a ka saena - fa saena Seme Miss Klusky le lefuta bhofo.  
 Fa madi a batleja promissor note e una due, bey ba madi ba sua fa lefa Miss Klusky gauneng ba mo naea rasiti ka fore o ka a ipatllela. Ba utse ba batla madi a go una galo ebile Miss Klusky o na a baal'anya go via sue

Chief John ka Dekokonyana kefa  
wr mbelle a di utloela a ba rala  
are: Lefa kgori e ka duella  $\frac{7}{5}$   
eo Dekokonyana o fha itella  
 $\frac{7}{5}$ , 10% (10 percent) 'manang ke koalle  
kgori pele a ntsho madi' ka  
nna - fa a ntlhotse ke fone  
lo fha a neelang Dekokonyana.  
Jana wr mbelle o ukoaleke fone  
ke fo itsise pele, fa u ka ntsha  
madi' mo kgoring o ka ba le  
bone fone ba nuelle churichonyana  
e ka etsang  $\frac{7}{5}$ . Bare mmogo  
le dicosts tse di ntshicoy ke hui  
Klusky (tse wr mbelle o bongeny  
rasiti ea cone) palo eotlhe ke  
 $\frac{7}{5}$ . fa ka maanete fo ntse jalo  
a ko leke fo ma le kgori' about a  
settlement fone Dekokonyana a  
se ka a di taena. Lefale fa majuta  
a iphettha ke fone di ka eang ka Dekok

maana

hala e ne.

foe. Pla o fo

S.T. Plaatje - Correspondence

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Summary

Sir,

I am writing (informing) you about news from the Cape. Let me tell you the following:-

I learn (understand) that in 1917 Tau, Chief John and others borrowed money from some Whites in Johannesburg with the help of Mr Seme. The owner of the money promised to borrow them provided one of them signs the relevant documents - then Seme, Miss Klusky and Chofas, the jew, all signed. When the promissory note became due, and the owners promised to sue them, Miss Klusky paid the debt and a receipt was issued to her as proof of this. They have been looking for this money and Miss Klusky was even prepared to sue Chief John and Dekoko. Then Mr Mbele heard about this and said this to them; - Even if the chief pays £75, Dekoko will deduct 10% that is; £7.10/-, first, wait for me to write to the Chief and ask him to pay the money through me. Mr Mbele has written me to inform you that if you manage to retrieve some money from the chief you can then speak/talk to them to help me with only £5. They claim that all the costs paid by Miss Klusky amount to £75 (Mr Mbele has even seen the receipt).

If all this is true please talk to the Chief about a settlement but Dekokonyana should not be involved. It is only when the Jews are unco-operative that we can refer things to Dekoko.

Greetings

'Pula e ne' (Let there be rain OR Let rain fall)

Sol.T. Plaatje

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