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MOTSAT Z, SE

Molepolole,  
Bechuanaland Protectorate.

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Farm

Good Hope

Jessel Montsisa

2980 Morgans

Naw Kgakgamao Montsisa's Daughter

Wife of J J Mko. This farm is

Bounded by <sup>farm</sup> (Korwe) Korwe on the North

By Farm Bethel and farm Malokaganyane

on the East and also <sup>by</sup> a portion of the farm

Sheep Farm <sup>on</sup> South East, Bounded on the

South by farm Madingwana on the

West by Farm Korwe Pen on the South

West by a portion of farm Mokoto



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(TO SUPREME COURTS ENGLAND AND CAPS COLONY)

TEL. ADDRESS: "LEXICON."

P.O. Box 179.

*Receipt enclosed*

6, Market Street,

Kimberley,

South Africa,

27<sup>th</sup> April 1907

Mr. J. Plaatz Esq  
P.O. Box:  
Mafeking

Dear Sir

We are much obliged  
to you for yours of the  
21<sup>st</sup> instant with cheque en-  
closed as advised, and which  
of course crossed ours of  
the same date.

We are sorry for having  
troubled you again.

We shall be glad if  
you would kindly add our  
name to the ~~list~~ list of subscribers  
for your paper.

Yours faithfully  
Mallet & Bowen



THE KIMBERLEY SADDLERY CO.

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MARKET SQUARE, W<sup>o</sup>.

Kimberley, 24. 12. 1902

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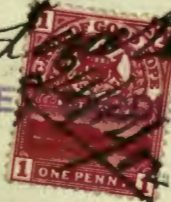
Received from the

Chief Montsiva

The Sum of £16..7..6  
on account of an illuminated  
address for Presentation to  
Right Hon Joseph Chamberlain  
Balance of same on Delivery

Paul D. Jones

KIMBERLEY SADDLERY CO





P.O. BOX 178.  
Tel. Add.: "SADDLERY."

*Kimberley,*

*17<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1903*

*11 Chief Montsion*

**By. to KIMBERLEY SADDLERY CO.,**  
**(Late O. GREATREX & SON),**

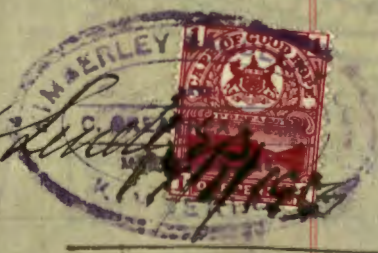
**WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SADDLERS, &c. &c.**

*Sum of*

*16 76*

*amount due on address  
Mr Chamberlain*

*Bill  
Paid*



AUSTRIAN MAKE

Mafeking.  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Sol. Plaatz  
in Account with  
deKock & deKock  
Attorneys Esc.

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re Address to Honourable Chamberlain

To - Attending on you, noting  
& taking instructions & discussing. . . 6/2  
To - Drafting Address. . . 2. 2. 0.  
To - Making fair copy thereof . . . 1. 4. 0.

£ 3. 9. 8.



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Jan. 29th. 1903.

Sol T. Plaatje *Esq.*  
Bechuana Gazette  
Mafeking.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant and note contents.

We have kept our charges as low as possible.

We trust that the Petition will meet with every success.

Yours faithfully

Mallett & Bowen

MALLET & BOWEN,  
ATTORNEYS, NOTARIES, AND CONVEYANCERS,  
KIMBERLEY.

Kimberley, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1907.

Received from Sol J. Haast Esq  
sum of Twenty six Pounds five Shillings

Pence being costs as advised

drawing Petition & address to  
Right Hon: Joseph Chamberlain  
on behalf of the Barolong Tribe



Mallett & Bowen  
S.

£ 26 : 5 : 0



Mafeking.  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Mr Sol. Plaatzje  
in Account with  
John Smith

re Petitions to the Honourable Chamberlain

1903.

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| Jan 25. | To fees. re <u>1<sup>st</sup> Petition.</u><br>Making type written copy<br>& 2 Carbon copies. | 2. 2. 0.              |
| " "     | To " re <u>Supplemental Petition.</u><br>Making 2 Type-written copies<br>and 1 Carbon Copy.   | 2. 2. 0.<br>10. 6.    |
| " "     | To " re <u>Address.</u><br>Making 3 type-written copies.<br>and 4 Carbon Copies.              | 2. 2. 0.<br>1. 11. 6. |
| " "     | To " re <u>List of Chief &amp; Headmen</u><br>Making 1 typed & 1 Carbon copy.                 | 10. 6.                |

£ 8. 18. 6.



Kimberley 29th January 1903.

Sol. T. Plaatje Esqre ( as Representing the Chief  
Wessells Montsoia and the Baralong tribe).

In Account with

Mallett & Bowen, Solicitors.

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Attending you on your calling together  
with certain Petty Chiefs & Headmen  
of the Baralong tribe.

Following your instructions to draft ad-  
dresses to the Right Honourable J.

Chamberlain P.C. to be presented by  
the Baralong tribe and also to prepare  
Petition requesting that in recognition  
of the services rendered by the tribe  
Polfontein Reserve situate in the  
Transvaal might be restored to the tribe  
various attendances and long interviews  
from time to time.

Draft address to Mr Chamberlain fair  
copy of same and attending submitting  
same for your approval, when same was  
approved by you subject to certain  
minor alterations and handing same to  
you.

Drafting Petition (Long).

Fair copy and forwarding same to Mafeking  
King.

Attending receipt of Petition with  
certain alterations and amendments,  
perusing and considering and engrossing  
same for signature and returning to  
you for signature.

Carried Forward.



1903.

Brought Forward

Jan 7.

Letters and telegrams

" 12.

Attending receipt of letter from you  
acknowledging receipt of Petition and  
instructing us to arrange for Present-  
ation thereof at Kimberley.

Letter to you informing you that we  
understood Mr Chamberlain would visit  
Mafeking and suggesting that Petition  
be presented to him at that place, in  
order to save time and expense and re-  
questing you to telegraph us your decis-

Further correspondence and telegrams  
re Petition.

Jan 20.

Further letter to you re Petition.

~~27.~~

Attending receipt letter from you that  
Petition would be presented at Mafeking.

Letter to you. ( say 25 guineas.) £ 26 5 0

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# Band of Hope

"MELAO ea SETHOPHA ea CHOLCHELO"

( Band of Hope )

1. U se noe boyalea bo pe, lefa ele dine dingoe tse di bogal e tse ditagang.
2. Tlotla 'Hago le 'rage
3. U se ucoe.
- 4 U se bolae motho.
- 5 Use eletse selo sa ee mongoe.
- 6 U se shupe chupe sa kake ka ee mongoe.
- 7 Tlotla bagole botha.
- 8 U se rogane lefa ele go seba ope.
- 9 U se tsee sape ka tsieco.
- 10 U se nne makgakga.
11. U se aketse ope, U hae bo-annarure.
12. U se nne pele tshetlha.

Sethopha ea Cholchelo se tsmaca ka melao ea MODIMO ● ●  
koadileong no Baabelong le mo Testamenteng ● naha.

Exuda-kgaele ea 20

Diane- " " 23 Temana ea 20

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Diane " " 31 " " 4-5-6.

(Ga goa siama go noa.)

Habuk. " " 2 " 15 (Go latlhega ee ● noang.)



THE CHIEF, HEADMEN AND COUNCILLORS,  
of  
THE BARALONG NATION.

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Wessels Montsioa, (Chief).  
Badirile Montsioa,  
Seane Tacana,  
Lekoko Montsioa,  
Joshua Melema,  
Bathe Bathe Metshegare,  
Tiego Selere,  
Motsalore Marumolea,  
Tatinyane,  
Bogacu Mekgotsi,  
Josiah Metshegare,  
Letsapa Lekoma,  
Thibedi Morale,  
Nako Mekoto,  
Kardbo Nko,  
Ramatae Melisanyana,  
Linaka Lira,  
Mohurutshe Mothusi,  
Elisha Leshomo,  
Kitshanyana,  
Stephen Lefenya,  
Silas T.Melema.



THE CHIEF, HEADMEN AND COUNCILLORS,  
of  
THE BARALONG NATION.

---

Wessels Montsisa, (Chief).

Badirile Montsisa,  
Seane Tacana,

Lekoko Montsisa,

Joshua Molema,

Bathe Bathe Motshagare,

Tiego Selere,

Motsalero Maramelea,

Tatinyane, *Matshagare*

Bogacu Mokgetsi,

Jesiah Motshagare,

Letsapa Lekema,

Thibedi Moralo,

Hako Mokoto,

Kardbo Kko,

Ramatae Melisanyana,

Linake Lira,

Mohurutsho Motshasi,

Elisha Leshomo,

Kitshanyana,

Stephen Lefanya,

Silas T. Molema.



HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE.

DIEU ET MON DROIT.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN M.P.

HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

HONOURED SIR,

WE, the CHIEFS and COUNCILLORS, of the BARALONG TRIBES, offer you and your Gracious Lady, in the name of all the Native Tribes of Bechuanaland, humble and heartfelt Greetings. The fatherly love shewn by our Sovereign Lord, the King, in sending you, His Great Councillor, with a gracious message, to all His Loyal Subjects in South Africa, White and Black alike, has moved us greatly and filled our hearts with gratitude.

Deeply thankful for the blessings received under the Rule of our Noble Sovereign, and His Illustrious Mother, we rejoice at the spread of British Dominion, in South Africa, and assure His Majesty, through You, His Chosen Envoy, that as in the past, the Native Tribes of Bechuanaland, never wavered in their allegiance, in the darkest hour, so, they will ever shew in years to come, true devotion to His Throne and Person.

We heard of our King's sickness and were sore afraid, but our hearts swelled with gladness, when He rose up

again



again like a strong man, refreshed with slumber, and our prayer  
is that, through the favour of Almighty God, He may long live  
and reign over our Childrens' Children.

Knowing Sir, that in you we have a tried friend  
and a sincere well-wisher, we open our hearts to you to day,  
and tell you that which is the one great desire of our hearts,  
and of our people, namely,- that by our loyalty and good  
conduct, we may always deserve the King's Gracious Protection  
and by His Will continue to enjoy the great pleasure of living  
under His and our own Laws, which has helped to make ~~usa~~ happy  
and contented people,

We are, Your Excellency's

Mafeking,

obedient and humble servants,

January 1903.

Chief of the Baralong.



S U P P L E M E N T A R Y   P E T I T I O N

presented to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN P.C.

BY

T H E   P A R A M O U N T   C H I E F ,

H E A D M E N   A N D   C O U N C I L L O R S ,

of the

B A R A L O N G   N A T I O N ,

AT MAFEKING, and in the BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

JANUARY 1903.



TO

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN M.P.

HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

The Petition of Weesela Montsisa, Chief of the Baralong,  
and the undersigned Chiefs and Headmen of the Baralong  
Tribe,

respectfully and Humbly sheweth:-

(1). That the undersigned are representatives of the Baralong  
Tribe of Natives living in Bechuanaland.

(2). That the Baralong has lived in this Territory for many  
generations past and has from the day it first came under the  
British Government remained loyal to the British Flag.

(3). That in days gone by this Nation has been compelled to  
fight with other Native Tribes, and the Transvaal Boers in order  
to protect and keep possession of their Country. In this they  
successful and thus were able to keep open the important direct  
trade route to the North and ultimately the whole of Bechuana-  
land became British Territory.

(4). That when the late War broke out, we offered our assistance  
to the British, and though as a Tribe our offer was not accept-  
ed, yet over 500 of the Tribe were armed, using their own  
rifles, as there were not sufficient for all the garrison, and  
took part in the defence of Mafeking.

A great number of the Tribe, over 100, acted as scouts and many  
as despatch riders. These men in Mafeking served for over  
seven months without pay and fed themselves the whole time at  
their own expense.



(5). Our grain and stock was commandeered to feed the garrison but of this this we did not, or do not now complain, but cheerfully submitted out of respect to, and love for the British Throne.

(6). On many occasions during the Siege, Generals Cronje and Snyman, commanding the Republican Forces, around Mafeking, sent messages to our people, asking them to leave the British to starve in the Town, and promised that they could come out and till the ground, and tend the crops, free from molestation from them, but this we would not do, as we preferred to stand side by side with the few European British Subjects still remaining loyal in this part of the Country. Such of the Tribe as ~~we~~ were allowed to and had the privilege of taking up arms for the British Government, fought to their death, and many lost their lives.

(7). We humbly and respectfully submit that there is no doubt as to the loyalty of the Baralong Tribe. Long before our request to come under and enjoy the British Rule was accorded us we respected and loved it, and before we became British Subjects we fought for the Honour of England.

(8). That during the Transvaal War in 1880, Englishmen and loyal Dutch speaking Colonists took refuge in Bechuanaland and were well received and looked after by the people of the Tribe.

(9). Your Petition<sup>ers</sup> would humbly and respectfully draw the attention of your Excellency to the fact that up to 1873 the Baralong Tribe or a portion of it, occupied what is known as the Pohlfontein Reserve in the Transvaal, but which up to that date, belonged to the Tribe, and adjoins the Natives Reserve at present occupied by them, but were expelled from there under circumstances well known to you.



(IO). That soon after the relief of Mafeking, your Petitioners approached Major General Baden-Powell as representing the Imperial Authorities, and the representative of the Colonial Government Mr Bell, the Civil Commissioner at Mafeking, and humbly requested that in recognition of the services rendered by the people of the Tribe, the Poffontein Reserve might be ~~be~~ again granted to the Baralong Tribe and become the inalienable property of the people. We understood that both Major General Baden-Powell and Mr Bell favoured our request, and would recommend the grant and in anticipation of the confirmation of the same General Baden-Powell at once sent one Silas Molema a Petty-chief, to look after the Reserve and restrain the Natives from looting. These instructions were carried out to the satisfaction of the then Acting Resident Commissioner of the District, Mr Bliss.

(II). We respectfully protest against the efforts now being made to annex Bechuanaland to the Transvaal. We would rather remain as we are at present, but if His Majesty the King deems it expedient that Bechuanaland should be annexed, then we earnestly pray our Reserve should be annexed to the Bechuanaland Protectorate, in which we have landed property, immediately adjoining the Northern Borders of our Reserve.

AND your Petitions humbly pray that your Excellency will recommend to His Most Gracious Majesty the King that:-

I. The portion of the Transvaal known as Pohlfontein be granted to the Baralong Tribe to be held by them in perpetuity and to be the inalienable property of the Tribe as a recognition of services rendered by them to the Imperial Government in the late War and also in times gone by.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.



P E T I T I O N

Presented to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN P.C.

BY

WESSEL S MONTSIOA

AND

OTHER CHIEFS AND HEADMEN

OF

THE BARALONG TRIBE.

JANUARY 1903.



TO

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

WE, THE PARAMOUNT CHIEF, HEADMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BARALONG NATION, AT MAFEKING, and on behalf of the Baralong Nation at Mafeking, and in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, extend to you and Mrs Chamberlain, a hearty welcome, on this the occasion of your unique visit to South Africa.

We are sure your visit will be fraught with important results, to the future of this Country, and, in view of this, we humbly beg to bring to your attention, and for your earnest consideration, certain matters affecting in no small degree, the interests and existence of the Baralong Nation; and concerning which, we respectfully pray for an assurance and promise, that:-

(a). As long as <sup>we</sup> prove loyal to the British Government, we shall continue to enjoy the privilege of being subject and amenable to our Native Laws, and to the jurisdiction of the Paramount Chief.

(b). We shall not be deprived of the rights and privileges conferred on the Baralong Nation, ~~by the Act of 1895~~ resident in British Bechuanaland, under and by virtue of the Colonial Annexation Act, No.41, of 1895, either by repeal of the provisions of such measure, or otherwise; provided we continue as hitherto, to act and conduct ourselves as loyal citizens of the British Empire.

(c). The Native Reserve Lands, situate in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and set apart for, and granted to, the Baralong Nation, shall ever remain vested in us, and that we shall never have reason to anticipate the deprivation, on the part of the British Government, of such Native Reserve

We further crave leave to draw your attention to the occasional misgivings, expressed by a number of the people of

South



South Africa that there is continual danger to be feared, from a Native outbreak or rising, in one or other of the Colonies or Dependencies, of South Africa, in the future.

It has, we think and trust, been proved, if only during the memorable Siege of Mafeking, that the Baralong Natives shewed during the late War, its loyalty, by espousing and assisting the British cause; and, having no good reason for crediting our fellow-subjects elsewhere in South Africa, with harbouring such designs and ingratitude against the British Government, we deeply feel the suspicions entertained against our Native Brethren, and the consequent reflection upon our proved loyalty.

We lastly desire to express our sympathy, with our European friends, and the South African Colonies generally, in regard to the labour question and difficulty, and recognize that it is one, if not the <sup>gravest</sup> greatest problem, which awaits solution at your hands. Many thousands of our young men have left and still are leaving, British Bechuanaland and the Protectorate to take employment in the mines, and we would bring to your notice, that we feel a step nearer would be gained, towards solving the labour difficulty, were Mining Employers to increase the existing scale of wages, which we cannot but admit, is scarcely a living wage.

We wish to express the hope that success will crown your efforts, in South Africa, and that both you and Mrs Chamberlain, will, on returning to England, be benefitted in health, through your visit, and that you will never regret the arduous undertaking, in coming to this distant and strenuous arm of the Empire.

Mafeking.

January, 1903.

(signed) Paramount  
Chief, Headmen and  
Councillors.



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