

Mafeking

Molapo

June 2nd 1883

To H H

The British Resident
of the Transvaal

Sir

Your favour of May 21st I received safe. It is true we chiefs are combined together, but it is only to drive the Freebooters from our Country we shall neither interfere with the chief Moshette or the Transvaal boundary line made by Col Mosey, Sechele, Gasikahe & myself have written to the Volunteers requesting them to leave my Country, and since then I have again written, so that they cannot say they were ^{not} warned, at the same time I wrote to Moshette & told him all I had done. I am sorry to say that the Freebooters grieve me much, by doing unlawful things within my Country everyday, should any stranger or Trader come to my Town they are stoped on the road taken prisoners and at the Boers pleasure searched, have their things taken away, fined &c and then let go, they sometimes keep them six weeks in the Laager, should any of my people go near or to the Laager they are ^{are} struck or otherwise illused & I cannot get any address from their head men, my friends are frightened to visit me on account of the doings of the Freebooters, and I should like them to leave my Country, that is why we write and should they do so we shall all be at peace with one another, I cannot but think that

The Transvaal Government are and have always
helped the Freebooters, as the Cannon and
the Ammunition came out of the Transvaal
one Brand Foster or Voster living at or
near Pretoria brought a large Cannon
Cannister & so late as the end of last Jan
that is still lying in the house in the
Laager not mounted & can be seen any day
add that the men who fought ^{against me} & are now
lying in my Country are their subjects.
If you could come ~~to~~ and see how they
are going on yourself I shall be glad
send you copy of the letters I sent ^{forth} to
the Freebooters & Moshette, which ought to
convince you that we do not intend to interfere
with Moshette, in fact we feel certain that he
will join us in driving out the Freebooters
+ add when they captured Cattle they took them
all over into the Transvaal, & I have never seen
any of them back as yet, then again they always
collected & made Laager until they were ready
at Pfontein or Roodfontein Transvaal, and when
I drove them they always fled over the line
& I was not allow^d to cross, and am now threatening
in your letter that the Government will interfere
should I try to help myself, and should we
fight again it will not be against anyone,
but to drive out the Freebooters from my
Country, and we the whole of the Bechuanaland
Nation, will not allow them to remain this
side of the Convention line, hoping you will
forward what I have written

Yours

Your truly

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