

To

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To
Sub-Genl. Commr.
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Weekleying 10/12/80

re: Promises of land to Sekukuni's
people East of Lolo before
1879.

That, before the present Location West-of-Lolo
the Lolo and the land East of Lolo, between Steelwood
and Blifants River has repeatedly been promised to
them before 1879 is undoubtably true, but also un-
doubtably true it is, that before the present Location
was set aside, the land West of the Lolo was never
then promised to them, nor did they like the flat
of present Location West of Lolo. Sekukuni-land
proper till they got the Location, was the Triangle of
land formed by the Lolo Mts. on the West and the two
rivers Steelwood & Blifants River. Old Sekukuni and
his people that in this triangle of land they were
safe against all enemies, Boers and natives (the
Barwa - Magali, Tjapan, Pakla, Marishan, Potlwan
in the West and against the Swazi's from across
Steelwood. The old Chief was very wise in this. On the
West the big Lolo Mts. with its many caves - on top of
it on Steelwood side he put the Swazi-Chief Shuyeni
and Kobi: Where on North-West the Lolo ends in little
hills - he had just across the river his big Chief Ma-
phalok. Down Steelwood against the Swazi's he put
Riba's on the big hill looking down to Steelwood,
Riba, who has successfully been fighting the Swazi's
- even raided them in their land from here. Down Blifant
River he had his big Magakal-Chief with his Baroka
the land occupying all Passes of the Doker Mts. to here.

the possible tribal ~~resistance~~ revolts, and has been used more than once, they being famous hunters & fighters. Thus Ribe was allowed to stay on, on his high hill, but many of Ribe went to Lijdarbug, Balieu m., after the Location was given, not one farm on the Lolo, or East of Lolo, neither Ribe himself, was promised any Location or native freehold here East of Lolo.

Till after the Boer-War, I had always been in intimate confidence of the authorities, so much so, that - when the Location-Commission defined the boundaries of the Location - it declared, that they could not miss me on the old stronghold of Sekukani's East-Lolo and that the Government never took from me any Taxes or Rents there.

As soon as I write of this, if ever before 1879 some places East of Lolo should have ~~yet~~ been granted to some special tribes, I would have been informed. There was no residing Nat. Comm., all letters & Documents from the Executive were sent to my Address to read them to the Paramount Chief, to be answered by me. The whole Sekukani-tribe as I said, was several times promised before 1879 promised the whole old Sekukani-country East of Lolo: this brought over the Lolo to present Location. During the Annexation-time (Sir Owen Lanyon's), the English kept Ft. Burgers on Skeelpoort, Ft. Fagon Ballage Majuba-Knight, Ft. Mamolobe (Majuba, middle of present Location) - leaving then only the three-cornered old Sekukani on Lolo and East for Sekukani - till the joint Boer-Commission after Majuba changed this.

I am the honor F to
 you obedient servant

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Mecklenburg 10/12/20.

Sub. Nat. Com.
here.

Sir -

After our conversation last evening re promises of land to Sekukuni's people East of Lolo Mts. before 1879, I decided to help you with the following explanations, the truth of which is safeguarded not alone by my willingness to make them sworn affidavits but by the very surface reasonableness of them.

I was sent here East of Lolo to the destroyed capital of Sekukuni's people proper January 1880 in consequence of a land grant from Sir Garnet Wolseley written by Major Clarke - to the Berlin Mission, in December '79 immediately after Sir Garnet in a half-day heavy battle destroyed for ever the old independence of Sekukuni's people, so that, when I arrived here, Sekukuni's people told me: "Our Heaven has fallen down."

The following I have personally got alone from President Burgers, General Paul Joubert, President Paul Kruger, Vice-President Schalk Burgers, but from the old Paramount Chief Sekukuni himself and his successor Kgolokwe (Gela K'ga) and nearly all chiefs of any importance.

Yours faithfully

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