Sand Hill. A. Belville Durban Natal.
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Mr Cheson
Secretary A.P. Soc^ty.

Dear Sir,
I take the liberty of enclosing for your perusal a paragraph cut from yesterdays "Natal Mercury" of horrible Kafir Cruelty. in a territory over which I believe England holds some Sovereignty.

May I request that the Society you represent will take the matter up, and enquire into it, and bring pressure upon

the present time serving Government,
toss them up, to their duty
in extending England's protection
to the weak & oppressed that
in some way acknowledge her
Rule. Excuse one but I feel
strongly on the matter, I see a
Society which I formerly honoured
giving their countenance to
a brutal despot like the
Zulu King, and yet passing
unnoticed such things as this.
I never was more surprised
in my life when the A.P.S.
took Ketshwayo's side. Send
an unknown delegate to Natal
& let him go and live on

the Bible and then believe his
word, and not the words merely
of a Bishop now dead who was
false to his trust as a Christian.
and yet believed sooner than any
one else. I presume you are a
Christian Sir, then think you that
He whose name we bear, can be pleased
at the credit given to the Infidel
and the disrepute in which
His loyal Servants are held.
In order that you may not think
that I am unknown altogether
& therefore not worthy of notice
I can refer you to Revd Horace
Waller T. R. G.-S. Revd John James
M.A. of Cornston. Revd Dr Stewart

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of Livingstone & a host of others
connected with African
Missionary work & Geographical
Research.
I do hope something will be
done for the honour of our
Faith & Protestant England
to put a stop to such horrid
cruelty. Yours faithfully

Alfred Deville F.R.G.S.

Assistant Curate Umhlalyana. Natal
late Lay Superintendent of the
late Bishop Steere's Nyassa Party 1875.

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SMELLING OUT.

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The Umtata correspondent of the *Kokstad Advertiser* writes as follows:—A horrible case of murder has been reported to me from Pondoland, Giradiso's location. It appears that an unfortunate native, who had doubtless offended some dirty, petty, Pondo chief (?) was "smelt out" in the accustomed kafir fashion; taken into the veldt and staked out in the ground in the vicinity of numerous ant heaps. The wretched creature was then smeared all over with fat and two of the ant heaps were broken over his naked body. The black ants at once commenced work on the prostrate and bound man and ere long had crawled into his ears and nostrils and eaten out his eyes, causing him to become raving mad. He did not die till the expiration of the third day. How long are diabolical outrages like this to continue unnoticed? The spirit of lawlessness prevails throughout the length and breadth of Pondoland. What is the end to be?

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