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Smithfield. Orange Free State
23 January 1878

Gentlemen.

I beg to commend to your attention

1. The article "Our relations and responsibilities to the native races. Prize Essay. By Victor Sampson B.A." which appears in No 92. Vol XV. & No 93 Vol XVI. of the Cape Monthly Magazine. Decr 1877 & Jan'y 1878 parts. The magazine is to be obtained at S. Humphord's 55 - Charing cross.

It is very possible that your attention has been called to this excellent Essay before this. -

2. Two articles headed "Proclamation for Anti-Slavery Societies and the South African Governments. Emancipation of the negro's wages, the hitherto overlooked human being" which appeared in "The Friend of the Free State" published at Bloemfontein. Dates 23/4/74 & June 4. 1874. -

I may say that these 2 articles are from my own pen. "The Friend of the Free State" is filed by Professor Holloway - & the agents in London are, White & Colman. Milkman's Chambers. Bishopsgate St Within. - 7 Colfax. 11 Clements Lane. Lombard Street. & C Street. 30 Cornhill. -

I would be glad if you would also refer this papers to the Anti-slavery Society. - I am pleased to think that all these subjects will be brought prominently before the notice of Sir R. Frere by the present Kafir war and his presence in the border. - I have the honor to be

Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Charles Sir Open

To the Secretaries
of the Aborigines Protection Society
London. -

Your Society seems to be unknown in London

as I cannot find your address in Whitaker's
Columbian (1875) or mention of your Society.

Now that the Transvaal has been taken over
the ^{Orange} Free State is surrounded by British Colonies
the aborigines require protection from their
Chiefs and themselves, and the females from
their ~~males~~. — The law in the Orange Free
State does not recognize polygamic marriage
& holds that a female can at will abandon
a polygamic husband and maintain a
sole right to the children, or power over them.

In Natal Colony a short time ago (1877)
a Magistrate ordered a woman, wife (second
or third or fourth) to a Zulu polygamist, who
had abandoned him to return to her husband
& then if it should please her to apply
for a divorce.

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