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Rochester House  
Salt River Station

21<sup>st</sup> Oct 184

Dear Sir

I must seem to you  
to have delayed long to reply  
to your gratifying letter dated  
Law 7 3<sup>rd</sup> 184. It did not seem  
to me desirable to take up  
your time with mere Compli-  
ments or particular informa-  
tion from which no general  
Conclusion could be drawn.  
I shall now however thank you  
in the first place for what  
you did and procured for  
the ill-fated Samuel Morrice  
and more particularly for  
the sound advice you gave  
him happy could it now be  
for him had he given more



... which they give to



need to it. It is one of the  
unfortunate ~~circumstances~~  
~~essence~~ characteristics, especially  
of the educated natives that  
they are frequently destitute  
of judgement of what it  
is profitable for them to do. I  
have also learned subsequently  
to my first letter to you that  
he had not been quite  
steady when growing up to  
manhood which failing  
did him disservice in the  
eyes of his father. I have  
also been expressly told ~~that~~  
as according to the custom  
of the tribe his right to  
the chieftainship was un-  
disputable that Lepinane  
was preferred by the Dutch  
who were appointed com-  
missaries by the agreement of  
Lepinane to make over the  
District to them at the close of



3 his power. This information  
I received from the Native  
agent here who is familiar  
with the native language  
and possesses their confidence  
so more need now be said;  
though probably the influence  
and good sense of President  
Barnes more moderation  
has been shown than one  
might expect. Very soon  
however the lands will lapse  
to the Orange Territory.

My main reason for  
writing is the Crisis towards  
which we are approaching  
in South Africa. You nat-  
urally view the situation  
as it concerns the Native  
question. As regards the  
people of England I think  
it ought now to be brought for-  
ward and agitated in every  
point of view as regards the  
importance of South Africa  
not only as regards its mineral

richness which they give to



and agricultural resources,  
both of which are very  
great but hitherto only  
partially developed, but  
its position with respect to  
England's immense pos-  
sessions in India and the  
Southern ocean. Many people  
here not greatly prejudiced  
against the African Dutch  
as a class are of opinion  
that if this element got the  
upper hand the doom of  
the natives ~~was~~ is sealed.

By this they do not mean  
that the work of extermina-  
tion would thenceforth be  
gone but that in various ways  
such would be the result.

I could not enter upon this  
with effect unless I had  
given as much space to  
as what I have written in  
the communication which I



I have directed it to be forwarded to  
you by the same post  
as this letter will be sent.  
The key to the opinions of  
the Dutch whom I refer to  
regarding their duty to the  
natives is that they ignore  
the new testament in their  
interpretation of the old.  
They consider themselves as  
portion of the chosen people  
of God now that the Jews  
are rejected and that the  
natives are descendants of  
Haman who are doomed to  
be ~~a~~ servants of servants of  
not exterminated. They  
lean more upon authority than  
the Roman priest hood, only  
in the one case it is chiefly  
the authority of the Church  
in the other the interpreta-  
tion which they give to the  
Bible whilst they forget that  
whilst the law was given to  
Moses Grace and Truth Come



I have come through Jesus  
Christ. You must have  
been terrified with the  
aforementioned of the most  
desert and pious Language  
with blood shedding without  
provocation and buccar-  
cering. As of the Com-  
munication I <sup>have</sup> sent to you  
I will not be disappointed  
if you derive any hint  
from its perusal. When I  
commenced it I thought it  
possible I might produce  
something not wholly un-  
fitted for more general  
use. But as I am one of  
those who never write, ex-  
cept for some object, both  
my thoughts and pen are some-  
what out of practice, and  
the circulation did not come  
so readily off as I expected.  
I gave to two gentlemen



7 friends here a perusal of it and  
they both agree that as far  
as it professes to go it ex-  
actly expresses the situation  
as they apprehend it. The  
majority of the people here  
are perfectly loyal, but  
such is their blind party  
ship and regard to growing  
and local advantages that  
they consider not the dangers  
to which their trade and  
prosperity are exposed, and  
indeed all their material  
interests. Sprigg and W.  
Wrighton the soul of the  
Cabinet though rather clever  
as special pleaders have  
neither of them either by re-  
pute or otherwise any ca-  
pacity for affairs. The  
Bechmana business is most  
likely I should say most  
certain to be mismanaged.  
You will also not say



lost out time, see the new  
districts which have just  
now been formally an-  
nounced laid out in large  
sheep farms. The more the  
better. Mr MacKenzie's scheme  
is an admirable one and  
most practicable; it is  
generally approved of  
here, but cannot be carried  
out without power to  
support it against or-  
ganized greed and covet-  
ousness. Such violent  
courses however they may  
contribute to the gain of  
the few are directly to the  
loss of the general in-  
terest. I need not however  
continue longer in this  
stream. I desire to impose  
no obligation upon you in  
respect to the manuscript  
which will accompany this



9 letter. I do not wish  
to press it upon ~~any~~ the (168  
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Editors of any magazine.  
Rightly they are and must  
be guided by their own  
judgement. If any part  
of it should seem to you  
objectionable, you can  
withhold it or make any  
alteration that does not  
seriously affect or re-  
verse the sense. It seems  
to me a great pity that  
for questions receding  
just into the front, the  
moral and religious, as  
well as the educational  
influence of the Church  
of England here should  
be in a great measure  
sacrificed. I am not a  
member of it, though cer-  
tainly not an enemy. It  
seems to be a narrow-  
ness of vision scarcely to be sur-



proposed by the merchants  
of the Eastern provinces.  
The new turn given to  
affairs by the temporary  
administration of Sir Baltho  
Greece would form an ad-  
mirable subject for in-  
vestigation and to all con-  
cerned the issues will be  
any thing but beneficial.  
I may add a few lines  
in the morning, <sup>as</sup> tis now  
getting late.

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. I find I have written  
rather hurriedly as to form.  
Having to go to town I shall  
only add that if name  
should be required in the  
event of the article being  
accepted whilst address and  
every thing may be made  
known privately I wish to  
preserve some disguise however  
slight it may be so far as



The public are concerned.

D. L. S. would do it  
David Le-Yore Smith, or  
D. L. S. Smith.

I shall only further add  
that you should keep your  
eye as well as that of those  
whom you influence on  
the native question here.  
It is approaching a  
crisis. I remain

Yours ever  
most truly

David Smith,

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