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My Dear Mr. Crocker

The course pursued by the sons
of Letric & ~~the~~ ^{the} Marakupa has been the
destruction of my papers. There is a
policy of despair & vengeance, but
from the first day that the ~~disarmament~~
was decreed, I fully expected they would
come to that. They prefer running the
risk of being killed or sent to Robber
Island to ceasing being chiefs. The
example of Letric is nothing to them,
they know he is seventy years old
& suppose that sufficient respect will
be shown to him that he may die
with the illusions of still being some-
thing in the world. But they what kind
of chiefs can they be at the head of a
people scarcely permitted to walk about
with staves in their hands? Mr. Sprigg
should have accepted the request of
Letric in the last pitso, to allow him

to punish himself the culprits. He
would, I am certain, have fired them
deadly & placed them under proper
restraint in some secluded part of the
country, till they had given sufficient
proof of complete submission. A magistrate
might have been appointed to see that
that judgement was carried into effect.
This might have been accepted, considering
the dismal consequences which was well
to have. But M.^d Spring insisted on
Mashupa (or Masscupa as we write it
in Dutch) being delivered into the hands
of the Cape Government. This he
will never do, he would consider it as
an infamy. Mashupa is his own brother
born of Moshubi & of the great
wife (or queen) as himself, the first
chief in point of honour & power after
himself, since the death of Molapo.
If he consented to his son herothoti
& others being only mutilated, whilst
Mashupa remained in custody as
a convict for the remainder of his days

He would be considered as a monster by his people & by all the tribes of South Africa.

Lerethali is the son of Letsie & dwells close to Morijans, if not in it, about thirty miles to the south of his father's abode in the vicinity of our station of Morijans. Mchale's Hook is further to the south in the neighbourhood of the Free State. Both places are very hilly but can not be considered as strongholds.

The Pambockies are real cowards. Morosi formed the link between them & the Basutos, although they were not their allies. I believe they are neither very numerous nor very martial, but the death of Morosi has greatly embittered them against the Cape government & next to them, further to the south east, are the ~~Basuto~~ Fingos who wish no good to the Colony. If, as it is rumoured, a son of Morosi was to reappear with a body of men who have like him kept till now concealed, the rebelled Basutos might

find many allies among those different
tribes - That the volunteers raised
by the Cape Government are kept under
proper discipline by their commanders
their mode of warfare may create
exasperation among the natives to a
fearful degree.

May God, in His mercy, avert the
evil which appears in preparation.

I remain yours sincerely,

E. Casalis

The doom of the natives was sealed
the day they ceased to be under Her
Majesty's direct sway through a
High Commissioner. How is it the
change was so unhesitated? I had
no knowledge of it till very lately.