

could be induced to send out a
reliable man to the spot, they
would soon learn the truth regarding
the origin & continuance of this
miserable & bloodthirsty business
& would find out the best &
simplest method of putting a
stop to it, but as long as they
burke the question, so long
will it go on - a glaring proof
of the faithlessness & weakness of
the English Govt!! Col. Warren

R A who was for a short time
acting Administrator here in place
of Sir Owen Lanyon would I feel
satisfied be the right man to
send out - as he enjoys the
confidence of the whites & blacks
alike. During his short-residence
here he earned a character for
warlike skill, combined with justice
& integrity, which gave him a
personal influence which was
a power in itself. The natives
know Col. Warren & would submit
to any decision coming from him
while his skill in fighting would
help to overcome the best Spohiatu.
Should you be able to

6/ I wish the Govt to send out a man of this character you would feel satisfied, be the means of putting a stop to the present state of things & thus aid the cause of humanity.

I sent another letter to the "Standard" some weeks back which if they intend publishing will no doubt have been published ere this reaches you. I should be glad however if you could send me a copy of the paper in which the letter appears. I have taken up my residence here for the present & it is extremely unlikely that I shall reside again in the Mansaral altho' my business will now & again necessitate my taking a journey to Pretoria.

I am beginning to lose faith in the English Govt & am gradually coming to the conclusion shared in by most people out here, that they do not intend to interfere. As a liberal in politics I cling to the belief that they would stand up for those principles of

7) of liberty & justice which form so prominent a portion of their professions, ~~as well as~~ which have been the means of placing the policy of the country in their hands, but I am reluctantly compelled to admit that those principles so ably touched upon in debate & public orations, in reality play a very secondary part in the work performed.

Trusting that you will make known as widely as possible what is going on out here

I remain
faithfully yours
H. Stephens

C 148/286 is
enclosure of letter
C 148/77

help to overcome the over-specialization
Should you be able to

Enclosure mentioned on C148/77v is
included at C148/78b - C148/78b

NB 148/78 should be filed immediately
before 148/70.

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c/o Knollys & Heale

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Kimberley
S. Africa
Nov 11/82

Dear Sir. - Herein I enclose
you one or two further extracts
from the Kimberley papers which
will give you some idea of what
the state of things is at present
on the S.W. border of the Transvaal
notwithstanding the protests of
the English Govt. As I endeavored
to point out sometime ago there
was nothing left for the English
Govt. but to back up their
representations by something of
a more forcible character, if they
wished to save their loyal
chiefs from the cruel & revengeful
fate that, if a certainty, awaited
them, at the hands of the Boers, whose
remonstrances were all very well
up to a certain point but beyond
that they do no good, but rather
the contrary. In spite however

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31 is anticipated that Mankoromo
will be defeated in a few days
as he is almost without ammunition
(thanks to the English Govt.) & his
enemies it is expected will have
possession of his country, when
a massacre of women & children
will follow. In spite of this however
the British Resident remains ^{calm} at
Pretoria shutting his eyes to
everything that is going on, in the
hopes of cultivating friendly relations
with the Boers & making his position
more comfortable in consequence.

The only effect the remonstrances
of the English Govt have had had
been to oblige the Boers ^{apart} to assist
against the natives less openly
than hitherto. Of course among
the spoliators of these natives there
are a few Englishmen (I can say so
say) as such a career offers a
good field for men of this character
if any nationality is to obtain plunder
& the Boers have taken advantage
of this to suit their own purposes.
Their whole object now is to prove
that the lawlessness & spoliation
complained of is carried on by

persons from all parts, & that
they have nothing to do with it,
to this end they intercepted a
letter from an English ^{man} & had
it published in their newspaper at
Pretoria. This is intended to deceive
people at a distance as it possesses
the double advantage of appearing
to the outside world that they are
desirous of putting a stop to what
is going on & at the same time
that Englishmen are the real
offenders. To those however
who are more or less on the spot
this is of no weight & does not
alter the character of their proceedings
one iota, for it is well known
that for every Englishman there
are a hundred Boers engaged,
whom their Govt. protect &
countenance, whom they dare
not arrest, even if they wished
which they do not, because if
these men were proceeded against
the truth would come out & the
Boer Govt. be implicated beyond
hope of clearing itself
of the Govt. (English)

2/ of their being in possession of the
facts regarding what was going
on, they contented themselves
with accepting the boer assurance
& endeavouring to silence & soothe
public feeling, with the idea that
they were doing something, whereas
in reality they have taken exactly
the boers said for granted, & allowed
them to continue their schemes
of murder & spoliation unmolested.

The consequence is that
"Moutonia" has been obliged to
surrender his country to the boer
volunteers who have parcelled
it out amongst themselves, &
who have a tacit & secret
understanding with the boer
Govt. that virtually makes it
part of the Transvaal or S. African
Republic, altho' it is deemed
advisable to keep this in the
back ground for the present,
owing to the action of the English
Govt. in refusing to allow the
Transvaal to extend its' boundaries
as laid down in the Pretoria Convention.
You will see also that it