

(Copy) Statement of Indabazimbi C127147

I used to work on Mr. Robson's soil place and on his death I went to Meyer's (in the District District. Drauwat) about a year ago. I took all my property with me I have lived on the farm # old Isaac Meyer, Solomon Meyer also died during the war, young Isaac Meyer, Jon Meyer & Martinus Meyer also a man called Cornelius a "hymooner" also lived on Solomon's place after he died

According to custom I sent my son to work for old Isaac Meyer as I lived on his place. When the war began all the Meyer family moved further into the Drauwat my son going with them as well. I went up to Klip River with them as driver, where the river forms the boundary between the Free State and Drauwat. I returned at once leaving my son with the Meyers. He was a small boy about 12 years of age. At the termination of the war the Meyers sent for me to drive them

that I could know that I

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down. I sent them a days journey this
side of Slip River. I asked them where
my son was; old Isaac Meyer told
me he had sent him to look for horses
he did not return and another boy
was sent who brought the horses, the
horses were found close by. No one went
to look for my son. I asked what
Isaac for leave to go and offer a
reward amongst the Kapers for my
son. He refused, saying I must drive
him home and then he would give
me a pass to come back and look
for him. On our arrival at the farm
I and my wife again applied to old
Isaac to be allowed to go and see
about my son. He refused, saying I
must first shear the sheep. I replied
that he well knew that I could
not shear sheep. I said, Now can
I work when my heart is sore for
my son. Meyer said again, I must
wait awhile as the rivers were full

I said how could that matter, saying
 that both going and coming with the
 wagon we crossed no rivers. As he
 refused me a pass I then started
 without one to seek my son. On
 arrival at Inavov's kraal I met
 my brother who told me I must go
 no further or the Boers would shoot
 me having no pass. I returned.
 On my return my owner told me
 that the Inyanga had come to look
 for me every morning with guns
 to shoot me; telling them that it was
 now no longer the days for spamboking
 (flogging with hide whips) the natives, but
 the days for shooting them. On hearing
 this I collected my goods and by
 morning had everything on the
 Natal side of the Buffalo River - on
 Natal ground. About midday Inyanga
 overtook us by Degazais kraal
 and asked me what I was doing on
 the Natal side of the river. I told him I was
 Degazais' Kapier. Inyanga then

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leaving for Natal because I found it
altogether too hot for me in the
Transvaal. He said that if I came
back he would make everything
comfortable. I refused. He then
attacked me with a knob-kerry
and would have killed me had
not one of my wives (seeing that I
was badly hurt) knocked him
down with a piece of iron. Martinus
then mounted his horse and galloped
off. I then got on my horse and fled.
My wives hid themselves. In the after-
noon there came to the wagon
Joan Meyer, Martinus Meyer, young Jan
Meyer and the man called Cornelius.
They hunted all about for us with
the object of shooting us as they told
De la Rey's Kaffirs. My wives then saw
them inspect the wagon and take
everything away. I had a wagon
thirteen oxen, four beasts and a mare
also a box containing two hundred pounds.

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in gold, a telescope, clothes, and other things. My miners found the box broken on the ground and all the contents gone. Forty sacks of grain were also taken belonging to me. I was robbed of everything I had with me with the exception of the horse I escaped on.

The wagon was one I hired from my brother (a relation) the men were my own brothers. Eighty pounds of the money I got from the Standard Bank in Newcastle, for men, sold to the owner of the store at the Ingayagan Drift. The rest I had accumulated in fees from doctoring. I am a doctor among my people.

I come here now to ask you to allow me to settle on your

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land, as a refugee.

(signed) "Indabaryimbi"

his X mark

His statement was made by
Indabaryimbi at Hilldrop, Newcastle, N.S.W.
on the seventeenth of August, eighteen
hundred and eighty one in the presence
of the undersigned witnesses.

(Signed) H. Nisler Haggard
A. H. J. Cockrane
J. H. Gary Roberts.

N.B. The outrage of which Indabaryimbi
has here given an account occurred
within a week of the present date

17th Aug^r 1881

J R Baggett

August 18. 1887

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