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Dear Sir

I was pleased to see in a Telegram received here this morning that you objected to the Transvaal Rebel Deputation being invited to the Lord Mayor's banquet. I suffered much during the Transvaal rebellion and although I remained loyal to the English I did not receive a farthing compensation. I was driven out of the Country by the rebels for my loyalty and have been obliged to work as a farmer in the Caledon district. Seeing that you are opposed to the Rebel Dutchmen and although

I am one myself but thank
God I am a loyal man
I would like you to advise
English Capitalists that as
the Transvaal Deputation
have gone over to England
principally to try & raise
a loan to warn persons
not to advance any loan
as they will never see their
money back again I have
friends in the Transvaal
who wrote to me last week
that the Transvaal was
in a deplorable state &
this I know that Slavery
is still practised throughout
the Transvaal. at a dinner
given at the Paarl to the
Transvaal Deputation the

most seditious speeches were
made especially by the General
Smidt the Dutchman who led
the charge up "Majuba" Hill
& who boasted that he shot
"Colley" through the head and
hoped some day he said to
thrust the English out of
South Africa similar speeches
were made by "Krugger" &
I. H. Hofmeyr
a member of Parliament for
Cape Town who said that
they had enough of English
rule & that the Dutch
should rise up & rebel
& clear out all Englishmen
no doubt you have seen
the speeches made by these

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disloyal Dutchmen in the Cape Papers although a greater part of the speeches were suppressed for fear of raising English indignation and for all the misery brought on to South Africa we have to thank one man that low debasing creature "Gladstone" may God's curse rest on him

I am a poor man today & he is the cause of it that every thing in the Transvaal rebellion so much for loyalty I hope I may live to see the day when the boers in the Transvaal will suffer they have small pot there now may half of them die. Pardon me Sir for addressing you being a stranger

you may make use of this letter but please keep my name a secret.

your obt servant
Johan Van Graan