

John Mackenzie

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My dear Mr. Channon.

Since writing to Mr. Thompson we hear that a Crown Colony has been decided on for Bechuanaland.

A Land Commission is also to sit - 3 officers R. E., Shippell (first Administrator) & the third Chair man.

A Committee has set printed its report - a copy of which I should like to send you - concerning cases of coercion is unjust in the Bechuanaland Settlement of Mr. Rhodes. There are some really hardy cases.

But the strong tendency of all Cape towns in presence is for annexation to the Colony. This will be the efforts of Cape politicians at home. Rhodes, W. P. & T. are all are agreed as to this & they are all

on your side, or on their way.

Now can I be of any service over there in connection

with what has still to be done?

There is Kham's country - there

is Zululand - there is the country

of Basutoland due rights

stated - not merely policy against

the Basutos - as some would

with done - and there is the

way in regard question of

the High Commissioner.

This ought to be the last case

of the Union of Offices in one

office. Sir H's time will soon

be up - so that the question

is a pressing one. There are other

points include the feeling

in my own mind that served

as some good over there. I have

would however show them

my view if my friends on
that side stated their opinion.
I have also consulted Mr Thompson
as to whether the work which I
would like to do would not in
a real sense be for the good of
the natives: I do not know it -
nor be emancipated that if I gave time
to the department of work I could
be sustained in so doing as the Co-
workers of those who might ^{have} views
such as mine & a strong desire
that they should prevail. Being
without private means I am
compelled when I remember
my family getting their edu-
cation in Scotland to write thus.
I may not belong to the class
"without ostensible means of
subsistence". I have asked
Thompson to be good enough
to write any decision you

may come to after consulting
together.

I feel you will not misunder-
stand me. I want to do cer-
tain work. I am afraid I am
not-able to do it just alone &
by myself.

There is other work imminent
which I could do - going to Lopin-
gole & getting a boundary-line from
him. He would much more cheer-
fully give us a hundred more miles
of land - which is quite unoccu-
pied - than not be consulted, or
feel that we were honoring &
exalting Khause who is not a Zulu
at all but one of the large class
of "dogs" from a Zulu point of view.
Sechule in the same way objected to a
young man like Khause giving away
a certain block of country - which he said
was his. So Sechule gave it - also. I felt
it was a harmonious honoring of the
old fellow which Khause would not
object to. - Ever yours sincerely
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