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Ministers to Administrator

Colonial Secretary's Office
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope
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Ministers have the honor to forward for transmission to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State letters from the Chief, Samuel L Moroka, praying for the assistance of Her Majesty's Government in regarding the throne of the Baralonga.

In submitting these letters, Ministers would remark that the Baralonga country is a small territory entirely shut in by that of the Orange Free State whose Government have exercised a sort of de facto protectorate without deriving, or attempting to derive any benefit therefrom.

The whole matter is a dispute about Native Succession in which His Honor the President of the Free State has acted as Arbitrator, entirely in the interests of peace.

The Government of the Orange Free State have certainly not

not profited by the wrongs that
Samuel Moroka says he has
suffered, and Ministers fail to
see that there are any circumstan-
ces in the case that would call
for the intervention of H. Majesty's
Government

Copies of the papers
are enclosed, and Ministers
beg that they may be forwarded
for the information of the
President of the Orange Free
State

(sg) John X. Merriman

Commissioner for
Colonial Secretary