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"ISIGIDIMI,"

LOVEDALE, VICTORIA EAST,

18th August 1884.

My dear Mr. Pearson

It is now

a very long time since I
heard from you or of you. I
I am anxious that my
connection with the good
old body of the friends of
the natives should not be
served by any thing. As
you will see from the testimony for a
I send herewith I succeeded,
happily in scraping my way th
through the Matriculation Exam.
last year. I have since been
very busy in advancing the
interests of my countrymen

thro' the columns of the Gejidiini
of which I have now been
Editor for three years. I took
a very active part during the
late elections in the return
of friendly members. We
succeeded in every contest we
interested ourselves in. I worked
very hard in the interests of
Mr Innes a young man
around whom devolve the
hopes of the Natives of this
Colony. We see in Mr Advocate
Innes one upon whom the
mantle of our regretted friend
Mr Saul Solomon, has fallen.
I have never heard of Mr Solomon
since he left for England

Sir Thomas Smeaton's adminis-
tration has fallen a victim
to the unreasoning anti British

party in Parliament. I dare
say you have heard of the
existence of the African Bond
in this Colony, an association
composed mainly of those who
are devoutly wishing that the
Colony should become a Dutch
Republic, & which is now
doing all in its power
to compass that end by
creating a dead lock in the
Gov^t of this country. This
party has in Parliament
affected a modus vivendi
with the remnants of the
Old Sprigg party, and unwilling
itself to assume the responsibili-
ties of office has agreed to main-
tain Mr Sprigg in power till
it can see better. Already

we hear of the preparations
for the enforcement of the old
vexatious measures which originated
1320 the rule of Mr. Spring
in 1800, * The eyes of the
Society, at any rate, one of
its Argus-eyes, must needs be
kept upon the movements of
our present Ministry in which
we have not the smallest
Confidence.

If the "Aborigines Friend"
is still in existence, I should like
to say I have never received
a copy since July 1853. If
there have been any numbers
of the Series published since
I should be very glad to get
them.

I have made arrangements

to leave this at the ^{13/50} end
of September for King Wil-
liam's Town, Kaffraria, where
I am going to edit
a newspaper in the
Kafir Language to be
called Native Opinion, the
first issue of which
appears in the last
week in October next.
The leading articles & some
notes will be rendered
also in English, so as
to afford those who under-
stand that language only
an opportunity of seeing them-
selves as others see them.
I am to be published as

well. It is still very dif-
ficult to say what its
pecuniary success will
be. As, however, to a cer-
tain extent I am going
to create, rather than with
a want, I am afraid it
will be some up-hill work
at the beginning. If some
friends of the Cause in England
are anxious for the success of
the scheme I shall feel obliged
for any ~~small~~ contributions
you might forward me
for the purpose of sup-
porting the venture. I
cannot look for ~~great~~ ^{much}
encouragement among the
Colonists, & doubtless they

will do all to discourage ear. If
the new journal succeeds in opening
the eyes of the natives to their
rights, ~~it~~ it will have greatly
relieved the anxiety of the Aborigines
Protection Society in this part
of the world. I shall be very pleased
to hear from you soon on this subject
After the 30th Sept. then my address
is:

"Imvo" Office
King William's Town
Cape Colony

I shall expect to hear from
you soon

Believe me
my dear Mr. Fessenden

Yours very truly
J. H. J. Sabanez

P.S. - I send you Per Bk Post
Circulars for distribution
among friends likely to take
an interest in the under-
taking

J. H. J.