

"Native Officer ^{2. Tanga} ^{1. Tabora} 1887
Kung Wang Town
Cape Colony
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My dear M^r Chesson,

My Dear Mr. Chesson,

I am very sorry, I am
thankful to you for keeping me
informed with respect to the affair
the lamentable death of our only
mutual friend Mr. John I. Swinburne.
The information you have been able to
send me I have taken the liberty to
make public in the column of Native Opinion
& it has been greatly appreciated by his
friends and family. When the news was
received in this country by cable I devoted
much space to a notice of Mr. Swinburne's
valuable life - & concluded it by
reproducing all the comments of the
colonial Press of all sorts.

Yours truly,
Mr. Dillwyn, Mr. Cyril Rowland

I trust you duly received your copy
of the paper with that note.

Mr. Davis' pencil took place
yesterday. I am pleased to say
that my countrymen came from
distant parts of the country to
attend it & thus testify to
the high esteem and affection
in which they held their
worth friend and spokesman.

I fear there is no hope of
any one coming forward at present
to take up the good work which
has compelled him to lay down.

In him I have personally lost
an enthusiastic supporter. He
made himself personally responsible
for any risks that might attend
the preliminary stages of the start
of Matwei Johnson; and his advice
on many questions was always
invaluable.

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I am still struggling with my
little journal which now, I am
pained to say, Exerts a power-
ful influence in the affairs
of the country. My only regret
now is that perrene support
does not permit of its being
enlarged. I am in the habit
of sending copies of it to certain
members of the House of Commons
with a view to enlist their
sympathies in the cause of
the natives of this country &
to have them well-informed as
to what is taking place here
so that they may be in a position
to make use of the information
thus acquired in the House.

Mr Dillwyn, Mr Cyril Flower, Sir R. ^{renew}
Fowler, Sir J. W. Pease, Sir J. F. Buxton, the ^{call}
Mr. A. W. Arthur, Hon W. H. James
are among the members to whom
I am at present in the habit of ^{dis}
writing.

giving the true Opinion. You would do
me a service if you can manage
sometimes to ascertain from them
whether they do get the paper
or if it in any way interests
them. Any assistance from them
with a view to make it more
valuable - by enlarging & putting in
more information for English readers
would be most welcome & appreciated.

I trust you will not fail to watch
the shabby treatment of the Zulus by the
Gov^r of Natal who has sanctioned the
re-handing over of a large tract of Zululand to
the freebooters who call themselves bachelors
of the New Republic, who are, however, emissaries
of the Transvaal. That territory is
now to be annexed to the Transvaal. The
becoming off of the territory has been done
against the earnest solicitations of
the Zulus. Mr. O'Farrell gave his sanction
to the arrangement but this should not
prevent Sir H. Holland from listening to

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the representations of the Zulu people.
I am pleased to say Lordolund has
been settled. I am urging the Chiefs by
private communications to as that the
Imperial Govt may take them over in
the same way that they have taken
the Basutos.

The affairs in our Colony proper are
somewhat quiescent. There is a
movement, however, that I should
earnestly impress upon you to watch.
The emergence of native rights in the
Colony who have supreme authority
over the Govt are loudly calling for
the readjustment of the franchise
with the sole object of depriving it
of this right. Now, the privilege
is greatly prized by the Natives, who feel that
it places them in the position of being
men - a position they prized in their
own state - as they were wont to sit
round their chiefs & discuss affairs of state all
day long.

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Serious discontent - w^d result from
"unmeaning" them by shutting them
out of de franchise. I must therefore
You would fail to ascertain for
H. Holland's opinion on the subject.
The arguments the Society made use
of to the slaveholders a little while ago
were very powerful.

Wishing you well

I remain, my dear Mr. Channing,

Faithfully yours

Wm. L. Garrison

P.S. - If you have ever indulged
in the luxury of taking
photos I hope you would not
regard it impertinence on my part
to ask you for "likes" of your
self