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J. Chesson Esq.

Secty to Aborigines Protection Society

My dear Sir,

I send you by to-days mail a copy of the Independent newspaper containing an account of the fight with the natives near Iniquatoum. This is what comes of harassing native tribes. It is to my mind precisely what might have been expected as the outcome of such treatment as the natives have been subjected to since the British flag was planted in this Province.

The Recorder, Mr. Barry, in a speech made here on the arrival of the news from Iniquatoum spoke of "the victory" as it is called as an evidence of the "military genius" of Lieut Colonel Layton. In my mind it was a piece of butchery. However you can judge of that as well as I can having the accounts before you. They killed 40 natives who had no more ammunition left but 25 of these natives whilst they had ammunition kept 25 voluntes as bay all the day. I don't know what you will think of shooting men on their knees asking for mercy as you will see from the volunteer accounts was done and one native who held his gun in the air and prayed for quarter had his brains blown out. You may tell what sort

of our spirit is abroad here.

The natives have good reason to curse the day that the British flag was hoisted in Fingualand West, and I think it quite a matter of regret that you have not an agent here who could occupy the whole of his time in keeping you informed upon such matters and bring your Society's influence to bear upon native policy in South Africa.

The problem of civilizing the colored races is not to be worked out in this way.

Mr. Arnott who was to have assisted me in getting up the case of Wolobee for you has moved to the Colony with the war but if he does not come in next week I shall attend to that matter myself without his assistance.

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St. Murray.

You will see in this morning's Independent, which I send you that it is hinted that the London Ethnological Society has had some thing to do with the outbreak. This is nonsense. Moses Moore who was killed is said to have been a most excellent man.

R. W. Murray
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