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Dear Sir

Since my letter to you
written yesterday with enclosures I have obtained the enclosed
Report from a most reliable source of a Public Meeting
from which you will see that Mr MacKenzie has his
Supporters who are in favour of the Queen's Government
& who have full confidence in him - but that this is a
certain rebel Boer named Mickieki - who held office I
believe in times past - who is stirring up the people
to rebellion & murder & cattle stealing & so of the sort
intend ever to assist Mankarane & those who they
profess to protect, soon in their time, or never, as to the
Cape Colony taking Stellenland over - that is all nonsense
the Cape, full of Dutch Boers is too weak to protect
itself, and treason & rebellion is constantly being talked
by the Cape Boers as a thing to take place before long
when they hope to recapture the Cape & make it a free
Republic & drive the English into the sea - how then will
the Cape be able to keep order in a far off place like
Stellenland the Cape cannot do it. What is wanted here is
a vigorous policy the Boers must be shown that England
is in earnest & will not allow them to do as they like

they will "soon prove it" but please keep my name
out of the papers - or this Country would be too hot
to hold any man ^{who} dares act like a gentleman
to speak the truth.

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Dear Sir

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PROCLAMATION *RE* BECHUANALAND.

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Tuesday.

A proclamation has been received from Mr. McKenzie by the *Independent* stating that Her Majesty having established jurisdiction over Bechuanaland, thus including the country recently known as Stellaland, and whereas disturbers of public peace are inciting the ignorant to cattle stealing, disturbance, and war, the Deputy Commissioner stringently forbids the assembling of armed men in any part of Bechuanaland, for any unlawful purposes. It further makes known that all who thus unlawfully assemble or are guilty of treason, rebellion, riot, or other opposition to the Queen's Government, after the proclamation, will be punished by confiscation of landed or other property; and concludes by calling on good and true inhabitants of every nationality to be loyal to the Government, and to assist in maintaining order. Given at Vryburg, August 1st.

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HOSTILITIES IN BECHUANALAND.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM.]

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The fighting at Taungs is officially confirmed. The Boers captured three thousand head of cattle. Mr. McKenzie will be at Taungs to-day on his way down here. It is expected he will meet Mr. Rhodes there, who is proceeding post haste to Rooi Grond.

LATEST NEWS FROM MONTSIOA'S

Our correspondent at Taungs, writes as follows:—

We learn from a gentleman who arrived yesterday from Rooi Grond, that three parties of Boers had left Rooi Grond last week, going west, towards Montsioa's cattle posts. The people of Rooi Grond had killed their last ox, and have no meal or grain, so that they are obliged to send out parties for the purpose of stealing cattle in order to keep their people together. It is reported that they will go for Gasatsibi's cattle if they cannot find Montsioa's. A party of the Rooi Grond people engage themselves in patrolling round the station and annoying the inhabitants whilst the others are searching for the cattle.

It is high time England sent aid to those to whom she has professed to extend her protection. For two months now they have had to struggle on alone as best they could at Moupioa's; if the English do not send help quickly they will imagine that England is acting with the Rooi Grond people instead of for them.

It is reported that Niekerk held a meeting yesterday at Harts River. He is evidently doing his best to incite the people to rebellion.

Small-pox cases have been reported at Taungs, Stellaland, and other parts of the country. Dr. McKenzie is now going through the country vaccinating, and doing his best to arrest the progress of this disease.

**THE HOSTILITIES IN BECHUANA-
LAND.**

Wednesday.

News from Taungs this morning states that the Boers at Rooi Grond attacked Montsioa, and there was a sharp fight. Bethel, Walker, and a large number of natives are reported killed on Montsioa's side, and thirty-five of the Boers. It is stated that Bethel was wounded, in the fight, and fell into the hands of the Boers, who then shot him. The Bechuana Police started from here this morning.

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