

Great Place - Pundolauit

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91. P. Brown  
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Dear Sir -

Your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> Sept has been forwarded on to me here, (where I am staying for a few days) I have read it to the Paramount Chief, who has desired me to convey to you his heartfelt thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy contained in your letter and to assure you that nothing will tempt him, to resort to arms, while he has the slightest chance of getting his grievances redressed peaceably. -

At the present time he is distracted by all kinds of trouble in connection with the Amateuilic, - The enclosed copy of a letter to Mr. Brownlee, will show you the course of action the Paramount Chief has decided upon - which I trust you will approve of,

I do not think the Pundoo can possibly raise sufficient money to send a Deputee

home, and I do not see how the grievances  
of which they complain can otherwise be  
properly represented. It grieves me to think  
that at no very distant date, these people -  
who are fully determined to fight unless  
they obtain redress - will be engaged in a  
bloody struggle with the Government, which  
will result in immense slaughter on their  
side, and loss of their beautiful country; they  
are not like (despite what you have may  
have heard to the contrary) the Basutos &  
Zulus, a warlike nation, nor have they the  
difficult country that those two tribes have  
for warlike operations, so it is not difficult  
to foretell the result of a struggle between  
them and the Government, and I have no  
hesitation in saying that the colonial  
people are eagerly waiting for an opportunity  
of taking the country. The Pondos are now  
entirely surrounded by the Government, who  
from their encroachments evidently  
intend to leave them the choice of two  
evils, i.e. to fight or go into the sea.  
I trust you will not think I am

3. exaggerating the state of affairs, I can assure you it is impossible for anyone (not a resident in the country) to know to what a strait these poor people are driven, and I sincerely trust your Soobah will be able to help them in sending a deputation home.

I am also directed by the Paramount Chief to inform you that he has heard that a certain Mr Welborne who at one time held the appointment of Diplomatic Agent & Secty to him, has been acting on behalf of the Pundoo, with your Soobah and the Home Gov<sup>ts</sup> — if this is true, he wishes to inform you that Mr Welborne has no authority whatever to act on behalf of the Pundoo, and he trusts <sup>you</sup> will not treat with him in any way, on their behalf as he — Mr W. — left the country in disgrace having previously squandered a large amount of the money which had been collected for the purpose of sending a deputation home, & in other ways misconducted himself.

I will as you request write to  
Mr Irvine, M. L.A. although I do not think  
he will be able to do much for the Podos  
as I believe he has already without avail  
raised his voice on their behalf.  
The Chief is anxiously awaiting your reply  
his petition -

Believe me to be,

With kind assurances from Pongikula  
Yours very faithfully

Wleydell Bouverie

P.S.

My address is -

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