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P. M. Burg.

Jan. 15th 1885.

My dear Chamberlain,

I send up for His Excellency to see a letter I have received from Magema.

Yours truly,

H. C. Shepstone.

(In pencil writing:- Have you heard anything more from Magema?  
H.C.S. 25th July 1885)

## Isandhlwana

June 5, 1885.

To The Honorable

The Secretary for Native Affairs,  
P. M. Burg.

My Lord,

As I am still wandering about here and have a short time to write you some few lines in my power for what I have seen in Zululand and in Reserve. I may first state as follows.

There is a more trouble in Zulu Native Reserve. Mehlokazulu who is known to be the cause of the Zulu War and his party are always stealing peoples' properties. Last year they stole some of my relative's cattle together with those of Makwengco to the number of 40 head of cattle. These are the Natal people who crossed with the late Induna Tom into the Reserve, and after some time their leader was killed in the Reserve.

As their cattle was robbed away from them they reported it to the Sub-Commissioner at Nqutu, who at once sent a police to go with them and fetch in the cattle. But the police returned with only a part, and left the other part, and told some of the owners to go and fetch them themselves. And as they went to Mahlekazulu's place they found him at his gardens ploughing with the cattle stolen from these men, he made this deadly threat on them, and said "Ninake nihambahambaba kuleli nje nizazi nje ukutu leli'we ng'elegazi na? UTom sambula lala latetwa kuyipi inkantolo, uDhlaba sambula gede latetwa kuyipi inkantolo? Sukani nihambe!" After which speech they gave no answer but only start directly, seeing that this man is going to kill them at once.

I think, my Lord that this man is always trying to make the 2nd War as he did make the 1st one, and received no punishment after the War was over, and everything was thrown upon the King, and as he saw that then English did nothing on him, he would make another Zulu War for the Zulu People as the King is dead. If Mehlekazulu etc were left to do what they like, the Zulu trouble will never cease. Mehlokazulu is the man who lived on the border at Zangeni.

If English Authorities cares anything about the eares troubles in Zululand, Mehlokazulu should go and be settled, beyond the borders than letting him stay where he likes on the border.

Anyone knows Tom and Dhlaba will be so sorry in hearing such threat. As Tom was killed in arms against the Zulus, what was the cause of the death of Dhlaba, who was only a messenger from the Resident?

In Zululand proper the Prime Minister is only alone. The Prince Dinizulu is merely a lad, and not been yet appointed King. Mnyamane looks to Ndabuke, Ziwedu, Dambulamansi and Shingana, the

King's brothers, but they every one of them, looking downwards and not upwards. If Mnyamana was not, there would be no Zululand proper.

That is why the things are going in Zululand. People like Mehlokazulu would do as they pleases, because Mnyenana could not do anything by himself without the Princes, who would do nothing at all.

And so because there is no real kingdom in Zululand as was in Cetywayo's time, may not the Authorities advise how to do in Zululand? But Mehlokazulu should return anything robbed by him from other people.

I am, my Lord,

Your Lordship's humble and obedient servant,

Magema Magwaza.