

both sides, I was obliged several times to halt under fire, and open upon them with the six-pounder. I thus succeeded in joining the flat, when, however, my progress was arrested by a deep spruit, but through the strenuous exertions of Lieutenant Singer, R.A., and his men, the gun was crossed, while the enemy was held at bay by the Cape Mounted Rifles and Burghers.

The enemy still forcing on our route, I adopted a new order of march; my force, principally consisting of natives, having been joined by some of Moroko's men, I made all dismount, in order that there should be no hurrying to the front should the enemy close upon us; I also placed flanking and rear parties, and in this order proceeded at a walk. Our attitude appeared to awe the enemy, for they abandoned a position in our front, and confined themselves in pressing our rear and flanks; an occasional shot from the gun and flanking parties enabled us to proceed without any more serious molestation until we reached the vicinity of the camp, when they moved off.

I have entered into this detail, considering it my duty to do so in justice to the officers, artillerymen, and Europeans of the Cape Mounted Rifles, whose steady coolness and obedience to orders under this heavy fire, alone carried us through.

The Burghers under Mr. Erivee behaved well; Mr. Biddulph, who accompanied them, was of the greatest assistance to me in carrying orders, also Staff Assistant-Surgeon Cameron.

The number of men opposed to us was about 500, all mounted.

I returned to the camp at 4 P.M.

I have, &c.

R. BATES,
Captain 45th Regt.

*Major Donovan, Cape Mounted
Rifles, Commandant.*

Return of casualties.

- 1 Artillery man slightly wounded.
- 2 Artillery horses slightly wounded.
- 2 Cape Corps horses slightly wounded.
- 1 Cape Corps horse lost (man thrown.)
- 2 Cape Corps horses broke away from centre of their Cape Corps men attached to Royal Artillery.
- 1 Officer's horse, Royal Artillery, broke away.

R. BATES,
Captain 45th Regt.

(Translation.)

Douker Berg, 19th June, 1851.

To Commandant M. Wessels, Vette River.

WORTHY inhabitants of this land, say, from Orange River to Vaal River, say, natives of South Africa, you all know well, that it is fifteen years since you Christians trekked into this country, and I ask you all whether any thing has been done by subjects of mine to you. I believe not. It is now nearly a year since some farmers, inhabitants, say African Boers, made themselves guilty against the Chief Moletsani, which Captain lives in alliance with me, by going with the British Resident in an unlawful manner. But I shall lose this case entirely out of view (forget it), and consider that it was done in ignorance on your part, and through force (compulsion) on the part of the British Resident, of which I warned you before. I, as a true friend of Christianity, as the Landfather of the natives of this land, I advise and warn you all, no more to make yourselves guilty with the

British Resident over the line, against the natives of this land, for believe me, I shall be compelled, years in succession, to defend my case, but then much innocent blood shall and must be shed, for it appears that according to report (intelligence) addressed to me by the British Resident Warden, that he intends to bring the country into confusion, as is the case in the colony, from which I receive my report every week. So thus, African Boers or Inhabitants of this Land, I hope to continue to live in peace (friendship) with you all, but I advise you not to make yourselves guilty over the line.

To the Christian inhabitants of this country, from Orange River to Vaal River.

Your well-meaning and fast friend,
MASOES,
Chief and Ruler of the Land.

Worthy Sir,

Because I hear you are the nearest to the line, I send you the within report, send it instantly without delay.

MASOES,
Captain and Ruler of the Land.

Enclosure No. 3.

FRONTIER DISTRICT ORDERS.

Haddon Camp, Koonap, July 13, 1851.

A REPORT having been made to Major-General Somerset by farmers, who have been obliged to abandon their farms in consequence of the attacks of the enemy, that several of their native servants had refused to accompany them, but have remained behind, and are now going about the country, plundering and destroying the remainder of the property which the farmers have been obliged to abandon.

All Military and Burgher patrols are now directed to arrest and apprehend all natives found harbouring or wandering on the farmers' places, and to conduct them as prisoners to the nearest Post or seat of Magistracy. If such persons do not surrender on being required to do so, but offer resistance, or make off into the bush, they must be treated as enemies, and fired upon by the patrols.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief having directed Major-General Somerset to proceed with a force into the Colony to protect the inhabitants, and to establish Burgher Posts, the Major-General notifies that a Camp is now formed at Haddon on the Koonap, from whence detachments have already been detached to assist in protecting the few farmers and their stock on the border that have not yet been abandoned.

Another Camp will also be formed on the Fish River Rand under Major Somerset, from whence the most active patrols will be sent out to destroy the enemy, and to clear the country of the numerous bodies of rebels and vagabonds who have committed such fearful havoc and destruction along the border.

Since the 8th instant, several herds of cattle and flocks of sheep have been recaptured, and several of the enemy shot by the patrols.

As by the arrangements which have now been made, the farmers will be enabled to return to their places, where every protection will be afforded them, the Major-General relies with confidence on the farmers themselves turning out, as far as possible mounted and equipped, to assist the troops in the general cause in giving a decided check to the encroachments of the enemy into the Colony.

From the Camps above notified, and also at Fort Beaufort, where a small mounted force and a considerable body of enrolled Fingoes are stationed,