

capable, may not have had much experience in dealing with this particular class. In this opinion I am supported by Commandant-General Botha and the principal Boer leaders, with whom I have come in contact: no doubt the Field-Cornet system is expensive, but these men would be quite willing to give their services gratuitously for a few months until things settle down, and General Botha has assured me that he could arrange this. It would, moreover, help to bind these men to the new Government if they were given a voice in the management of local affairs.

7. It is also most necessary for the protection of the now disarmed farmers that police should be sent as soon as possible to those districts, such as Swaziland and Vryheid, where the natives exist in large numbers, and where they are not well disposed towards the Boers. In the Vryheid District especially, where the natives and Boers have lately been in open conflict, feeling runs high, and I have told both the Boers and the natives that General Cheere Emmet, lately the Boer General of this district, will assist the magistrate and the troops in carrying out the British administration.

8. I should like to bring to your notice the great assistance rendered to me by General Louis Botha, who, by his tact and good management, has smoothed all difficulties, and also by Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Shaw, A.A.G., Captain E. R. Bradford, D.A.A.G., Major Pratt, Durham Light Infantry, and Captain Neish, Gordon Highlanders.

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Commissioner for Receiving Surrenders, Eastern Transvaal.

STATEMENT of numbers of Burghers who have surrendered in the Eastern Transvaal.

Date.	Place.	To whom.	Burghers surrendering.	Arms surrendered.	Permits to retain arms issued.
5th June	Kraal Station	Major-General B. Hamilton	843	780	23
6th "	Leeuwspruit, near Standerton	" "	289	273	12
7th "	Winkelhaak, near Ermelo	" "	364	336	14
9th "	Ermelo	" "	318	303	31
12th "	Wakkers' room	" "	382	367	18
13th "	Knight's Farm, near Utrecht	" "	570	580	126
16th "	Vryheid	" "	647	625	216
9th "	Pietersburg	Capt. Neish, Gordon Highlanders	164	163	67
12th "	Nylstroom	" "	241	238	150
11th "	Carolina	Major Pratt, Durham Lt. Infantry	321	302	4
5th "	Balmoral	Capt. Bradford, Seaforth High-landers, D.A.A.G.	125	116	9
6th "	Middelburg	" "	440	424	13
7th "	Balmoral	" "	478	458	44
10th "	Belfast	" "	379	371	30
13th "	Lydenburg	" "	399	375	28
14th "	"	" "	240	248	23
9th "	Alkmaar	Officer Commanding	1	1	
9th "	Balmoral	" "	3	3	
12th "	"	" "	1	2	
13th "	Carolina	" "	2	2	
14th "	"	" "	2	2	
14th "	Belfast	" "	1		
			6,210	5,969	808

B. H.

JOHANNESBURG,

17th June, 1902.