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Civil Commissioner's office  
Mafeking 29. 10. 1896

Successor to the late Chief Montsion.

Nº 2/712  
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Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my wire of the 20th instant regarding the death of Chief Montsion. I duly conveyed to the Barolong the sympathy of the Government at the loss of their Chief, and of a loyal subject.

I must express my great regret at the loss of this faithful old Chief. His deeds greatly assisted the settlement and development of this and the Northern Territories. He has always proved himself to be a loyal subject of the Government, his name has become historical.

To day all the Chiefs and Headmen of the Barolong came to my office, and presented to me a letter in which they state that the Barolong have decided that Messel Montsion, the eldest son of the late Chief Montsion, should be successor to his father. The original letter and copy of the proceedings at the meeting are herewith enclosed for your information. I also enclose for your information copy of letter dated the 29th August 1895 from Sir Sydney Shippard, Administrator of British Bechuanaland to the Chief Montsion. Clause 4 of this letter distinctly promises that after Montsion's death, a pension of £150. p.a. will be paid to his successor so long as the latter remains Chief of the Bora Isili Barolong.

The Under Secretary  
for Native Affairs  
Cape Town

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I beg to recommend for your favourable consideration that the recommendation of the Barolong be approved and that Hessel Montkwa be appointed Chief of the Barolong and Successor to the late Chief Montkwa and that in accordance with the pledge given by the late Administrator of British Bechuanaland, he receive a pension of £150. p. a.

There are many strong reasons which I could place before you showing the advisability of appointing a Chief as Successor to the late Montkwa, but think that Sir Sydney Shippard's pledge is conclusive, and any deviation from this promise would be a breach of faith.

I have the honour to be  
Sir.

Your most obedient servant  
(signed) George J. Boyes.  
C. C. & R. M.



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NATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICE,  
CAPE TOWN.

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No. A/65

Appointment of Wessels Montsoia as Chief of the  
Baralonge.

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Sir,

I am directed to inform you that  
Government has been pleased to appoint Wessels  
Montsoia as successor to his father, the late  
Montsoia, Chief of the Baralong, with pay at  
the rate of one hundred and fifty pounds per  
annus, from 20th October 1896.

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I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) J. Rose Innes.

The

Civil Commissioner,

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