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Memorandum.

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Telegraphic Address: "RAMAILANE."

From - - -

8 Aug 1912

M. N. Ramailane,
Proprietor, Mokoena Home.
Residence No. 1012 New Stands,
WAAIHOEK, BLOEMFONTEIN.

To Chief Elias Molema

Box 11

Mafeking

Tlale & Sons, Maseru.

Ma - Ke ntse ke re ke gu koale tse lokralo
ka go August 14 ka lo posa kwa Transvala
ke gabqamala last night - ke lo fitthela mo
kgetsing - I don't know how. Ke pupile ma
shini fela without money. ka fetela kwa Thaba
mcho kwe kea go lopa thusho go mo dulela
railage ka fitthela bo mre lea phatlalitse
jaana ke fetela kemherley Ke boa cholo
jaja. Ga-rea-di-bona.

dilo dintsi tse di ntshisang botthoko
me se se ngondlang pelo fela ke re ka rekela

mašhini ke matebele, ^{ka £200} a re utlolla botthoko fu
re sena pampiri eare Beoana ba tthoka
le go ka tusa jela ka madinyana a go
simolola. Le pcheme sa dikonserte ke
sa ga Mr Msimanga — go velloa Beoana
jela home ba seve sepe ka sepe. It makes
one sometimes feel that there is no food
in all this striving for the rights of the Beoana.
I have heard very little from home
and it is hard to go and arrive there after
three months without a penny.
It would not be so shameful if the train
money had been paid for.

Yours very truly
S. J. Platje

S.T. Plaatje - Correspondence

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Sir,

Last night I was surprised to find in the mailbag, a letter I wrote and thought I had posted to you from the Transvaal; I don't know how, it got there. I had to put the machinery on the train without money. I then passed on to Thaba Nchu where I hoped to get some money for railage. I found the concerned gentlemen absent, so I went on to Kimberley. It was a wild goose chase I went on.

There are many things that disappoint me. What tore my heart apart was when sympathetic (Ndebele people) Zulus bought us the machinery for £200 and I realized that the Batswana people are unable to collect money and start their own newspaper. Even the scheme for concerts was arranged by Mr Msimanga. People are aiding us! It makes one sometimes feel that there is no good in all this striving for the rights of the Batswana people.

I have heard very little from home and it is so hard to go and arrive there after three months without a penny. It would not be so shameful if the train money had been paid for.

Yours very truly

Sol T. Plaatje

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