

Reports

Bishopstowe, March 20, 1892

To the royalty at St. Helena.  
Ndabezitha !

Maxegu came from KwaZulu with bad news about the death of the wife Tshingana kaSohoya who died last month. All in Tshingana's family are also sick. Ngobozana asked Ndabankulu kaLukwazi that they must not stay together, they must be separated. The people of KwaZulu report that Muloyisana of Sixanti died in Durban and the disease was in the lungs. Muxaba's mother died last month followed by his wife and son. Hlabangana's mother died three months later. Fokoti kaMapita is seriously ill, and also Mahu kaTokotoko and Makabela kaMusiyana became ill after an old mamba entered into her hut and tried to attack her but she narrowly escaped. It then hid itself amongst the rush mats of the females. She shouted for help and the people came and killed it. Dambuza kaMafuku, a headman in woodcarving is also seriously ill, his leg is painful. A Suthu kaMadhlikivane is also sick, his leg is painful, and the illness got through his legs. Sikunyana kaDandu and his son Zwebu is sick. Muzimubi, uncle of Mahanana accidentally shot his finger when he was trying to kill the buck and is therefore sick. I am also telling you Ndabezitha that I have at last found the herbalist. His name is Maguyana kaVapi who sent Mgqibelo to replace him. He is Mgqibelo's brother. Mjwapuna and the people from KwaZulu say that a herbalist Pambana who was asked to cure Minya's family, refused. Mjwapuna also asks me to report that Mgqibelo went with the others from KwaZulu who were at Ekukhanyeni. There is another one whom they think can cure if the royalty allow him. I received the photographs from the royalty of KwaZulu safely. I thank you very much, my Lords. There are many others who would like the photographs being sent and would buy them.

Magema Maqwaza.