MALAMBA

16.10.1900 - <evidence given 15.10.1900>. Ladysmith. File 73, p. 85.

Ladysmith. Per Malamba, a native constable at the railway station (chief: Mabizela), 15.10.1900, aet. about 34-37. He says many different kinds of native things are made in this division (Klip River) near the Tugela where it is joined by the Indaka (Sunday's?) river. A man of the Ngoni people makes assegais, hoes etc. A person in this locality (in the bush country) could procure wooden meat-trays, headrests, knobbed sticks, beer baskets (izicumu - these are woven), beer pots etc.

[Qalizwe bought me yesterday (vide p. 113) what he called isixembe (large wooden spoon) and ivovo (mat-work, like a dunce's cap, for separating dregs etc. from beer.]2

16.10.1900. Ladysmith.

File 73, pp. 106, 163.

Ladysmith, 16.10.1900. Per Malamba. His chief is Mabizela. Previous chiefs, going backwards in order, are Mganu (who contended for the chiefship with Mafongozi - p. 112), Nodada, and Guda: tribe Amatembu. Guda, Malamba thinks, crossed over from Zululand, i.e. he was the one who did so. As for the Amacunu tribe, their chief is Silwane, and others backwards in order are Gabangaye (killed at Isandhlwana), Pakade, and Macingwane.

Notes

The inDaka or Sundays river joins the Thukela twenty kilometres south-west of present-day Pomeroy.

²Qalizwe was another of Stuart's informants. His evidence on p. 113 of File 73 indicates that the purchases were made in the country between Colenso and Ladysmith.

³Chief of the Thembu people in the Umsinga division.

The reference is to evidence given by John Kumalo. See Stuart Archive, vol. 1, p. 216.

⁵Cf. the Thembu chiefly genealogy given by Bryant, Olden Times, p. 244. ⁶Cf. the genealogy given by Bryant, Olden Times, p. 263. Silwane was chief of the Chunu in the Umsinga division.