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30 Natal per Mdepa, chief.¹ I saw this man for half an hour or more at the office today. He is grey and would belong to the Tulwana regiment, he says - about 67.² He says he remembers Sir T. Shepstone and Mr J. Shepstone's first coming to this country.³ Sir T. Shepstone's *indunas*, in order, were: 1. Mqundane or Jantshi (Mdepa's brother); 2. Ngoza; 3. Zatshuke; and 4. Manxele. All these are dead.

He complains of oppressive European legislation. He lives near Table Mountain.⁴ He was well dressed in European clothing - no head-ring.

He says Mqundane ceased to be *induna*, and joined the police or military force. Ngoza then was appointed.

Notes

¹Chief of the Ximba people in the Camperdown, Ixopo, Polela and Richmond divisions.

²The Thulwana *ibutho* was formed in the early 1850s of youths born in the early 1830s.

³Theophilus Shepstone was successively Diplomatic Agent to the Native Tribes and Secretary for Native Affairs in Natal between 1845 and 1876. His younger brother, John Shepstone, followed him to Natal from the Cape in 1846, and held various governmental posts, including that of Acting Secretary for Native Affairs, 1876-84.

⁴Table Mountain is some 15 km to the east of Pietermaritzburg.