

NGANGEZWE ka NOMSIMEKWANA

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- 33 <Contact with civilized races: Europeans. Natal.> Table Mountain, per Ngangezwe (chief).¹ I had a talk yesterday. He states that there is a mission station at Table Mountain at which a rupture has occurred between the missionary in charge, a Mr Pugh, and the leader of a small section of the *kolwas* called Usimungu. Ngangezwe has spoken to Usimungu, who says he refuses to be subordinate to the white people for the reason that he and others have become sufficiently educated to start on their own lines. Usimungu has, in consequence of this rupture, had to remove his wife to some other place, but he holds services on the station independently of the white missionary. Usimungu's followers are very few in number. I think only three heads of families are among the number.²

Notes

¹Table Mountain is situated some twenty-five kilometres to the east of Pietermaritzburg. Ngangezwe kaNomsimekwana was chief of the Coseli or Nyamvu people in the Umgeni division. He should not be confused with Ngangezwe kaSambela, who was chief of groups of abaMbo (Mkhize) in the Alexandra, Ixopo and Upper Umkomazi divisions. (The latter died in 1898 according to Bryant, Olden Times, p. 406.)

²For details of the dispute between Simungu Bafazini Shibe and G.J. Pugh of the American Zulu Mission's Table Mountain station see Collins, 'The origins and formation of the Zulu Congregational Church, 1896-1908', ch. 3; Switzer, 'The problems of an African mission in a white-dominated multi-racial society', pp. 384-406.