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46 Per A.J.S.¹

When Cetshwayo landed at Port Durnford near the Mhlatuze, I went to him, when he found fault rather sharply with J.W.S. for alienating his people by trying to follow a certain policy.² He then directed me to go and report to my father that he objected to this procedure.³ I told him I would not go; if a report had to be made it must be made by C.'s own messengers. Later C. sent Ngobozana and another to my father, who were very civil. I had of course in the meantime told my father of what C. had said to me.

<For further information provided to Stuart by Arthur Shepstone, see Appendix 3 in this volume - eds.>

Notes

¹Arthur Jesse Shepstone (1852-1912) was a son of Theophilus Shepstone. He was Secretary for Native Affairs in Natal from 1909 to 1910. From the time of the formation of the Union of South Africa in 1910 until his death in 1912 he was Chief Native Commissioner in Natal.

²The events recounted here took place in January 1883 on Cetshwayo's return to Zululand from exile in the Cape. J.W.S. was John Wesley Shepstone, Acting Secretary for Native Affairs from 1876 to 1884. In December 1882 he was temporarily transferred from that office by Sir Henry Bulwer, Governor of Natal and Special Commissioner for Zululand, to oversee the establishment of the Zululand Reserve territory in the southern part of the former Zulu kingdom.

³Theophilus Shepstone, successively Diplomatic Agent to the Native Tribes and Secretary for Native Affairs in Natal from 1845 to 1876, had been brought out of retirement by Bulwer to supervise the return of Cetshwayo to Zululand. Arthur Shepstone accompanied him on his mission.