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Mhlahlo. Seeing the case was a special one, rendered more noteworthy by the fact that Dinuzulu (King of Zululand) is, as Magema avers, a witness to Eva Fuller, having been placed in his Magema's guardianship (for Magema was for some time with ~~Magema~~ ^{Dinuzulu} during his imprisonment at St. Helena), seeing this day, I requested both Magema and Eva Fuller to state the whole circumstances in respect to each of them on paper for submission for the instructions of the Government. I may add that Magema was for a long time with Bishop Colenso and was at Eshowe in 1888 + 1889 as Miss Colenso's assistant in re Regina v. Dinuzulu, Mbabuko and Ishingana. He is a good compositor.

^{19.6.99} Natal, per Mdsipa, chief. - I saw this man for half an hour or more at the office today. He is grey & ^{would} belong to Zulwana regt. he says, about 67. He says he remembers Sir J. Shepstone and Mr. J. Shepstone's first coming to this country. Sir J. Shepstone's indunas, in order, were: - 1. Mgundane or Jantshi (Mdsipa's brother), 2. Ngoza. 3. Zatchukei and 4. Manxele. All these are dead. Complains of oppressive European legislation. Lives near Table Mountain. Was well dressed in European clothing. No headring. Says Mgundane ceased to become Induna and joined the police or military force, Ngoza then was appointed.

^{19.6.99} Natal, per Mr Mare vide 'per Nyonyana' p.27. Mr Mare came to make a Deposition today charging Nyonyana with having contravened an Order of the Govt by wilfully having a beer-drink and marriage ceremony on his farm in direct disobedience of his wishes. From Nyonyana's conversation I on Saturday, I thought this would happen. Nyonyana will have to be proceeded against.

^{19.6.99} Natal, per Tomu. A case (Civil) came before me today which had been decided by Mr. Forder (I think in 1891). It was "Tomu v. Bili or Elias". Tomu had a daughter Guda who before marrying Bili or Elias had had ~~it seems~~ ^{illegitimate} a child by another man, Simon. This child's name was Hlupekile. After Guda's marriage with Bili or Elias she bore a second girl (whom I saw but whose name I forget) and this girl, about 20, had now a young baby also illegitimate whose husband is said by Tomu to be a half-caste & living in Durban. No lobola has been paid on account of Guda. Tomu gave ukugeza beasts (2) for Guda. Tomu claims 10 head as lobola also the girl Hlupekile. This was awarded but as only Hlupekile has been handed over, Tomu wishes to attach the other girl. This, under native law, would be allowable but cannot be permitted in English law. Bili can't and won't pay. In the meantime lobola in the shape of money is being paid by the girl's lovers to Bili which reaching him by post or other secret way cannot be attached, hence manifest injustice, to Tomu who cannot seize Bili's property under writ of execution because he has practically nothing.

^{22.6.99} Natal, per Nyonyana, v. p.27. Nyonyana, a man aged about 25 or 26, was brought up before