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Johannes is trustee for all the land. - There is a Committee of Management of 12 besides trustees. The land in question is occupied in two ways, those who have bought holdings of 80 - 150 acres, and those who are allowed to squat both on the holdings or on the general land belonging to the company. E.M. has a plot of land of his own measuring 132 acres 3 rods. He is aged 47, quite blind. He has two kraals squatting on his land. He does not charge rent, but requires service of his tenants, especially when ploughing or horing. One of these has 2 huts another 3. Those who live on the unsurveyed land occupy holdings which whose gardens are not surveyed off but on land indicated to tenants as for cultivation. No one is allowed to plough up gardens just where he likes. Sometimes E.M.'s tenants complain of being too ill to work, E. then leaves them until they get well; he is afraid of taking more drastic measures for fear lest his wife & mother should be inconvenienced. If he could see it would be different. - As far as can be seen native tenants prefer native landlords to European, especially Boer who compel man, woman and child to work and freely use the sjambok. - There is a desire among the natives at Driefontein to acquire still more land. They want adjoining land and the reason is to provide for the future so that the children now born shall be able to find room. Johannes would like to buy land in the Free State as horses do not do well at Driefontein. Up to now no European has bought any land on the farms above mentioned. Permission might be obtained possibly in respect to all except Driefontein proper. Several Indian traders lease land. Johannes is chief over other people than those living on the farms called Driefontein; his people may be found at Jonono, beyond Roosboom &c. Hezekiah is Johannes chief son; he is living on a farm of his own near Buffalo River (Umzingali). His eldest son Joseph is now living with Johannes and is well liked by the people.

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^{24.12.00} I saw Mr. Riddell, tailor, I think day before yesterday he said it was a fact he had made several suits for Mabindela. This is not the first man (native) he has made clothes for. The first occasion was when in Harrismith & about 7 or 8 years ago. He then made for Timothy Zuma, he also made for others and for Jim Cooper, native, of Ladysmith. Native clergymen have tailor-made clothing. Full prices are always charged for making clothes for natives. - Today I again