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to Pondos which they then brought back to Tshaka without having established the desired kraal. Tshaka was angry at this having been done.

An impi was sent Obalule to Sotshangana. Tshaka's order was that every soul should go 'kukulela ngoqo' i.e. take every one even ungoqo, a man who never Konzao or attends hunting parties or assists in building king's kraals etc, one who is never seen at the king's kraal. It was in this expedition that Maruyi's father Songanga was killed. Tshaka was at Dukuzu when this impi went and it was during its absence that Tshaka was assassinated by Mbopa, acting in concert with Mhlangana, T's brother, who really instigated the murder. It seems Tshaka went into the cattle kraal to see his cattle, whilst there Mbopa began driving about and beating the cattle Tshaka said "why are you beating the cattle?" and as he turned his back to Mbopa, Mbopa threw an assegai at him which struck him. He pulled the assegai ~~out~~ as he ran out of the kraal but at the gate of the kraal <sup>another</sup> man lay in wait (banda), this man snatched the assegai I carried and stabbed him dead on the spot. The impi from Babule returned to find him dead.

Tshaka used to be very fond of going about visiting <sup>places of</sup> travelling. He sat very little indoors. He frequently went to sit by and look at the sea and when it was sun-set, he used to start off home at a run and his inekus were obliged to keep up the running which was not ~~dis~~ stopped until Dukuzu was reached. 9.10.99. 73/93

P. M. Burg, Imperial Hotel, S. S. 00. Had talk with Rupert Shepstone who said that he had heard his father say that, prior to Tshaka's time, the Zulu people were industrious and energetic, they worked; but when Tshaka organized them into regiments and caused each man to carry one assegai only (a stabbing or <sup>face to face</sup> hand to hand weapon) people, the whole country over, became lazy. The military system destroyed the spirit of private energy and enterprize. I pointed out the existence of the <sup>custom</sup> heading ~~as~~ <sup>4000</sup> probably older than Tshaka's time and <sup>as</sup> proving that the men must have been lazy ~~and~~ before inauguration of the new military system. I might have added that it is common talk Tshaka <sup>prohibited</sup> ~~refused~~ to allow men <sup>from</sup> kehlay and taking wives until they were well on in years. This shows that Tshaka made men more manly. - Rupert said, again on his father's authority, that Dingisways fled to the Cape, wandered as far as that as a refugee. He ultimately returned with a white horse. ~~the~~ This horse's tail was said to possess the property of stinging people. At the Cape Dingisways saw European regiments and it was there that he got the idea of keeping about his kraal large bodies of trained men which idea Tshaka afterwards copied and got the credit of initiating. Mr. J. W. Shepstone has never recorded at any length his impressions of past historical events in connection with Zulu people, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Sir J. Shepstone <sup>didn't</sup> do much better.