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Yesterday, when coming up with Rev. Staver, Kemppe and Arch. Ranch in the post cart from Gingindlovu, Staver said Bp Hans Schröder (Native called him Hansie) arrived in Natal in 1843. He first settled with or near Rev. Adams at Umzini, then he took a farm near Cato Ridge. After this he went to China but, as it was necessary, for the success of his work that he should don the Chinese costume as well as shave his head and wear a pig-tail, he gave up teaching there & returned to Natal. He established the Umphumulo Mission Station at Mapumulo. The Chief Mr Konto became acquainted here with the Bp especially with him in his capacity as a doctor. When, on a visit to Mpondi about 1874/7, he found that King unwell, he recommended him to appeal to Bp Schröder to

come and assist him. Mpande according sent Induna (or messenger) to Schroeder, and asked him to come. Schroeder took his bottles of drugs, & attended on the King who greatly improved in health. Bp. Schroeder, who has previously made unsuccessful efforts to found a station in Zululand, now suggested to Mpande the advisability of his living nearer Mpande than Mapemulo (for Mpande had asked that he should come and attend him again in the event of illness) as to have to carry his drugs from Mapemulo to Ndwenga was too far. Mpande then said Schroeder could go and live at Empangeni (north side of Mhlathuze) where other Europeans had lived before. Schroeder accordingly went and lived there. At Empangeni Rev. Grout had previously lived, but had quitted the place for Natal. After this Schroeder got the grant of land at Entumeni. He first

established himself near the late Gamela's Nkanioni kraal, then on the top. The next station was at Nkoyeni (Mehlabatini), then Eshowe. Staven himself came out in 1869, he first settled for about 2 years at Nkabisa then came to Eshowe.

Bp. Schroeder could speak Zulu well. His grammar is out of print but Dr. Staven with endeavour to get one for me, also has send other Zulu publications by Bp. Schroeder. Does not know of Schroeder having written an autobiography, but refers me to Rev. H. J. S. Astrup of Entumeni, & Mrs. Astrup.

Referred to a visit he (Staven) and Schroeder paid to Bp. Cetshwayo regarding some libelous letters said to have been written by the Norwegian missionaries. When called on to produce the European Cetshwayo had given this information, Cetshwayo climbed down and wished to drop the matter. It

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turned out John Dunn had been the informant
talk in train with Arch. Roach, Rev A R
Kempe, and Rev. Steamer yesterday.

We spoke on Native Question, especially on
the desirability of continuing these chiefs. Mr
Kempe thought that a beginning should be
made to do away with them & this could be
done by appointing special, qualified men
when a Chief died. Don't make these appoint-
ments all at once, but by degrees. In a case
like that of Nkantini, son of Suteka, he ought
nevertheless to succeed, for the Govt had promised
him that position. I pointed out that practically
all had been promised, moreover to appear
in this way would tend to break up the tribal
system & before doing that it is desirable to
consider what the consequences would be.
Roach thought that Dinuzulu might be
made Paramount Chief. I said make him that
or turn him out of the country. Roach agreed.

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Kempe thought this dangerous, for Dinuzulu
in that event would be more likely to get in
touch with the Paramount Chief of Basuto-
land & Roach & I differed, saying we should
know where we are, at present we don't -
better have a known leader of Natives than an
unknown one & in these times of Education,
Natives will very quickly be able to communi-
cate with one another. Neither Kempe nor
Roach believed in higher education, but
both believed in ^{a form of} general low ^a Education.
Asked what the state of the country would
be in 50 yrs, Kempe said it would all
belong to the Coolies!

Roach said that in old days tribes were
not mixed. I gave some back history of
Zulu & Dzibane tribes also Mtetwa
^{constant} showing intermixing due to witchcraft &c
I referred to Cola & Tuli. We agreed that
intermixing was greater now than formerly.

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Touched on New Ideology - a kind of Pantheism t.
they say, where we are all God & can do no
wrong; are only breaking through our limitations,
when we sin.

I drew Kemp's attention to Shaka having
appointed Mvundhla in place of his
brother who was the proper heir, owing to
Mvundhla being more competent & asked
what objection he had to Dumezweni as a
chief? He said Dumezweni would get his
in time!

I said Chiefs have got bad & do things they
would not have done in the past owing to
our neglect for 50 yrs. If we want to
correct abuses, let us correct the abuse of
on our part. I do not want to preserve
neglect first. I do not want to preserve
the tribal system for ever, indeed I conceive
it will be done away with, but reform of
it should come from within. I advocated
the establishment of Councils & dealing
with matters in a scientific manner.

Roach said Science is too slow, we have
to correct abuses, e.g. Chiefs receiving
fines. I told him these things & many others
things could & would be corrected - but
not fundamental matters.