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Chat with Sir G. Sutton.

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There should be a man employed by the Govt. to prepare a statement of the Native Question in its various aspects - something which should be concise and yet comprehensive. It would be difficult to find a man to do this if not impossible. The man must be an authority, one who work would be likely to carry weight. I asked why he did not carry this out, get the Govt. to do so as it was right, he said he was no longer in the Govt.

Considers a report should not be merely 'adopted', for it contains much which various members cannot possibly subscribe to. No one subscribes to only a portion of a paper, he is regarded as liable to all he signs to. A report, the substance thereof should be reduced to a series of resolutions embodying in a concrete form the various leading principles. A Keeman was a clear <sup>speaker</sup> & insisted on reports being dealt with in this way. [52]

It is business-like & the maker of the resolutions must ~~be~~ be able to advance the facts so as to defend them. The opinions don't matter, but the facts are everything. In a complex subject, like Native Question, the resolutions might follow each subdivision of the subject - most necessary to show clearly the causes of the rebellion.

Chat with <sup>Mr.</sup> Mirless.

Rebellion brought on by acts of officials in Mapamulo: Dion vs Macwell, by wrongfully imprisoning Meseni, by Dunn & Shute - then Capt. Campbell (Mr Edge - comb) shot a native <sup>in the line</sup> before hostilities occurred (no inquiry), Sandberg shot the deaf & dumb man for running away & being armed, 4. Mac flogged men & women - all these things should be brought out. Dinizale sent messengers about. Pull Jee not the cause. People came to be in a ferment & the action of officials

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