

Sunbury,

Rondebosch,

10th August, 1938.

My dear Shepherd,

Mqhayi has been specially asked to send in contributions on Xhosa History and Custom, in response to an appeal made in the Native Press by van Warmelo on behalf of the Government. He asks for permission to use material that appears in the Stewart Readers and presumably Imibengo.

Most of the historical lessons were written by himself, and permission to use these might readily have been granted; but the appeal, of which I enclose a copy for perusal and kind return, states that payment for contributions accepted constitutes purchase of all rights thereto. It might be well to see what lawyers say, especially in view of the possible translation of these lessons into other languages. It should not be difficult for Mqhayi to re-write the information they contain, in another form.

Matter by such writers as Gqoba, Soga, Mazamisa, KoSe Ntsikane and others might be referred to, but could not be embodied in Mqhayi's contributions, save by way of quotation fully acknowledged.

Yours sincerely, *W. G. Bennie*

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to write to you  
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