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INFORMANT : ? NGCAMPHALALA

REGIMENT : LONDODZI

AREA : NGCAMPALALENI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM :

We arrived at this area in the days of Mswati. We had emigrated from Mweni area near Hlathikhulu. We came here during the ^{days of} Zulu raids. Then Somhlolo instructed Ngqamphalalo to settle here to be a watch post. Then Ngqamphalala settled here at Ngqamphalala. The Ngqamphalalas to begin with were of their own chiefdom. In fact the Ngqamphalalas had originally emigrated from Ntabande to Mweni - in fact they ~~are~~ are of Sotho ~~origin~~ origin. The Ngqamphalalas came as refugees to Swaziland i.e. from their first emigration from Mtabande past Piet Retief. They were granted refuge by King Somhlolo. It looks as if the Nkambule clan came together with these Ngqamphalalas. It was at the time when the royal residence..... To begin with there was a strong relationship between the Nkambule and the Ngqamphalala and also the Maseko clan.

The Ngqamphalala were sent down to their present area soon after the king migrated to the north. The Ngqamphalala found nobody under whom the area directly fell. There were skirmishes as they intruded - a few people of the Nhleko clan were there. On the other side were already the Mamba clan.

Nhleko Clan

These people separated from the main stream of the Ngwane when they were migrating to the north. Then the Mamba remained in this vicinity. After the Ngwane king migrated to Shiselweni the Mamba people went to live side by side with the Nhleko. During the Zulu raids the Nhleko were killed. The king fled to Magobhoyi. The Ngwane ~~people~~ subjects gathered around Maloyi Mamba, the Mamba king, and asked him to come and take over the Swazi kingdom from which the Swazi had departed. But the Mamba king objected to ~~it~~ this, pointing out that he had rather go for his brother to come back (meaning the Swazi king). Hence the Mamba king summoned a big force, including the very Ngqamphalala, to go for the king from Magobhoyi. It was during the time that the Mamba king had no warriors at home that the Nhleko chief decided to attack the Mamba and loot their cattle. In fact the Nhleko clan was found here by the Mamba.
