

of things, for thorough investigation of native question in every way, + of delaying publishing any-
-thing until something had been attained. J.K. said he understood that I have no wish for office
+ see how it is. ^{to some extent} Mabaso is busy or the 3 would like to have come in on Saturday next.

J.K. is I think beginning to feel the greatness of the whole subjct. (file 71, 63.43)

9.12.01 I had a long chat with Shlozi, who arrived on 7th inst, about my
wish to gather information re native affairs. I mentioned the advisability
of getting Socwatscha down from Nkandhla. This evening I proposed his
going to call Socwatscha and asked if he would like doing work in regard
to native customs &c. He at once consented and we arranged for him to go
& call Socwatscha leaving here 12th inst (Thursday) going via Bond's
Drift. My object in getting Socwatscha is to have someone I know and
who thoroughly knows Zululand and its principal people, who is moreover
smart and would understand the object of my inquiry and take interest
in it, he moreover could supply good information as to biography of various
Zulu heads. I sent a few days ago (about 10) for a blind man from
Zululand well up in izibongo of Zulu Kings but he has not as yet
been heard of. I gave £1 to the messenger for this man's expenses (with
dibi). I want Shlozi to leave soon so as to get Socwatscha about the
time of the Christmas & New Year's holidays.

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Socwatscha & Shlozi arrived. 27.12.01. (see N.B. Hist. of Zululand)

Conversation with Socwatscha ka Papu in the presence of Shlozi and
Ndwana ka Mbingwana, 2.6.02.

The great thing we are thankful for to British Govt is that the
country is in a state of peace. We can now lal' abutongo, which in
former days could not be. There are other advantages derived but I
go on to the complaints we have against the system.

Our grievances are

- (1) The having to pay hut-tax twice over, viz living on farms.
- (2) The having to pay taxes at all in these hard times when all our
cattle have been carried off by rinderpest.
- (3) Being disallowed to marry a daughter off to a suitable man
who has cattle in accordance with old custom.

The girl is not to go where she does not wish to go, nor may