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SNA 705/88

/Remeber these are not in order - these seem to be the starting paper\_/\_

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CE (A Hime) tto RE 23/8/88      CE 2128/88

"Pressing Do you requirie any more natives for the Railway Works beyond Ladysmith"

Q. 1.1.108

Q. 1.1.109

Answered these are not in order - these used to be the station

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Q. 1.1.110 to 1.1.112 (on 21.12.11)

"Passing to you records and some notes for the railway route beyond



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SNA705/88 (RE1492/88 CE 2128/88) /<sup>1</sup>his is Natal Government Railways Resident Engineer Minute paper entitled/ "Natives required for Extns. beyond Ladysmith" / I take it in order as it appears in the file - what starts it of our the following to minutes / *(No: I have much to take in a sensible order)*

Res Engineer ~~from~~<sup>to</sup> Colonial Engineer 24/8/88

"We are not in want of any more natives the Department but there are several Contractors whose gangs are far ~~in~~ short of what they should be I do not know however if Kafirs called out by Govt could be given to the Contractors."

Col Engineer Hime to SNA 24/8/88 /For your info and comments/

SNA to Col Engineer 25/8/88 "I would suggest that those contractors who are in want of labour should apply for a licence to import it in terms of Law No.15 1871 section 15. Having obtained it he might send a Native with it to Mr {Arthur Shepstone at the Enkandhla who would most probably be able o supply him." /Henrique Shepstone, the SNA/

/There 's a change here/

~~Res Engineer to Col Engineer to Res Engineer~~ 26/9/88 RE to CE

I enclose a minute from District Engineer Constrctn En / "on the subject of further requirements of natives and shall be gald if you can arrange with th e SNA for the calling out of these men." /Refers to RE 1541/88 CE 2298/88 sent to you on 12/9/88 and RE 585/88 and CE 1071/88/

/I know jump ahead for this minute. DEC 1299/88 Minute NCE Ladysmith Ext Construction Engineer (Shores) ro R E 7/9/88

"I enclose a statement shewing the number of Kafirs supplied to me by Govt., with the dates of the commencement and completion of their engagements. From this you will see that between the 15th & 27th of October I shall lose 126 men and within the first week of November a further gang of 116. As it takes several weeks for these men to be recruited, I am of opinion that steps should be taken, to apply to Govt: for men to replace them. By that time the platelaying beyond Sundays River will be in hand.

"Statement of the Numbers, recruiting ground, date of engagement and date of completion of natives under a 6 month's engagement."

Recruiting ground	Date of Engagement	Date of Completion Completion	No.
Greytown	1888	1888	
Ixopo	18/4	18/10	
Ixopo			
Greytown			
Ixopo			
Ixopo			
Zulu Reserve			
John Dunn			
Ixopo			
Ixopo			
Greytown			
Greytown			
Greytown			
Lloyds			

*Taken next sheet  
The C E is  
Hume*



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"Statement of the Numbers, recruiting ground, date of engagement, and date of completion of natives under a 6 months ' engagement."

Recruiting ground	Date of Engagement	Date of Completion	No.	
	1888	1888		
Greytown	18/4	18/10	47	
Ixopo	20/4	20/10	32	
Ixopo	27/4	27/10	9	
Greytown	1/5	1/11	3	
Ixopo	1/5	1/11	7	
<del>Ixopo</del>	3/5	3/11	3	
Zulu Reserve	7/5	7/11	52	
John Dunn	7/5	7/11	51	
Ixopo	26/6	26/12	42	
Ixopo	3/7	3/1	9	
Greytown	3/7	3/1	42	
Gretown	7/7	7/1	3	
Greytown	16/7	16/1	5	
Lloyds	15/4	15/10	38	343
To leave in October			126	
	November		116	
	December		42	
	January		59	343





SNA 705/88 cont ~~xxx~~ 2.1

Minute

R/ 1450/88 DEC (District Engineer Construction) Shores to RE 25/9/88

"In further referecne to my DEC 1299/88 of 7th inst wherein I pointed out the necessity of taking steps to keep up the present strength of my gangs by providing men to replace those whose engagements are about to expire, I am of opinion that it will be necessary to further augment the nameber of men employed by an additional 200, and I should be glad if arrangments could be made to supply me with this further number.

I could point out to you that as the basllasting is completed it becomes necessary to leae lengths gangs to maitain it and that the gangs which I am now arranging for this propuse will have to be retained on the 1st Section during the year of maintenance and will thus be withdrawn from the platelaying nad ballasting - say to the extent of 100 to 120 men. Besides these I shall require to have on this section a good finishing up gang to complete various works along the road, make up banks &c and I shall require a further gang for leading up stuff for making up banks, ballast &c for the train which I shall require on this section for the next four months. Then there will be the ballst train to load completing the ballasting beyond Elandlasgte either from Johsons/?/ or Barne's pits /?/ - or both - and I shall also be ballsting the Wessles neck section from Barne's quarry with the material engine, so that I shall require a strong loading gang at that quarry. All this is in addition to the buking /?/ in which will be proceeding at the same time, so that an increase in the strength of my gangs appears to me absolutely necessary.

I have felt somewhat shorthanded for some weeks past but as I have been  
able to utilize Mr Gillett's ~~xxx~~ /?/ gang for loading I have tried to avoid asking  
for increased strength as long as I could see my way to getting along without it.

"In further reference to my 1939-40 report I pointed  
out the necessity of taking steps to keep the present strength of my  
gangs by providing men to replace those whose assignments are about to expire  
I am of opinion that it will be necessary to further augment the number of men  
employed by an additional 200, and I should be glad if arrangements could be  
made to supply me with this further number.  
I could point out to you that as the ballasting is completed it becomes  
necessary to leave further gangs to maintain it and that the gangs which I am  
now arranging for this purpose will have to be retained on the 1st Section  
during the year of assignment and will thus be withdrawn from the ballasting  
and ballasting - say to the extent of 100 to 120 men. Besides these I shall  
require to have on this section a good finishing up gang to complete various  
works along the road, make up banks and I shall require a further gang for  
loading up stuff for making up banks, ballast & for the train which I shall  
require on this section for the next four months. Then there will be the  
ballast train to load completing the ballasting beyond Alameda - 400 men from  
Johnson's /?/ or 400 - or 400 - or 400 - and I shall also be ballasting  
the 1st section from Johnson's quarry with the material on hand, so that  
I shall require a strong loading gang at that end too. All this is in addition  
to the 200 which will be needed at the same time, so that an  
increase in the strength of my gangs appears to be absolutely necessary."



SNA 705/88 cont. 3

RE to CE 26/9/88 "Pressing Am I to understand that the number of natives you now require is 200, and that these 200 are to be additional to those applied for in R.E. 1541/88 to replace others whose temr of service is about to expire? / \_ I shall be much obliged if you will furnish me with a Return shewing the total number of Coolie and Native labourers employed departmentally on the Extension, and stating the manner in which they are employed. ...

What I wish to know with regard to the number of labourers is the strength of the several gangs and the manner in which each gang is employed."

CE to RE 27/9/88 /<sup>U</sup>The men now asked for are additional to those applied for RE 1541/88 and 200 in number\_/

CE to SNA 1/10/88 "Will you please cause steps to be taken for the early supply of the 200 natives now applied for . Wages to be the same as before, viz 1/- per working day

RE to CE Memorandum 1/10/88

"The Dist Engr at Ladysmith has wired me to know, if he is likley to receive recruits to replace the 126 natives, whose time expires on the 15th inst. Please infrom the SNA of the urgency of this matter as failing these men the work to a great extent will be at a standstill."

the to 02 6/2/83 "receiving" and I to understand that the number of a five  
you now receive is 200, and that there 200 are to be additional to those  
applied for in 17.1.1941 23 to replace those whose term of service is about  
to expire. I shall be much obliged if you will furnish me with a  
list showing the total number of Google and Native Laboratory employees  
separately on the 1st January, and stating the names in which they are  
employed. ...  
What I wish to know is to know the number of Laboratory in the  
strength of the several years and the number in which each year is employed.  
On to 12 27/2/83 I have now asked for the addition of those applied for  
in 1941 23 and 200 in number.  
On to 21 1/3/83 "Will you please send over to be for the early  
reply of the 200 letters now applied for. I want to be the same as before,  
via 17 - per working day.  
12 to 02 Memorandum 1/10/83  
"The list sent at Lagos with has tried me to know, it has a list to receive  
recruits to replace the 120 natives, those time expired on the 15th inst.  
Please inform the SNA of the urgency of this matter as killing these men  
the work to a great extent will be at a standstill."



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"Return of Indina & Native Labor\* employed Departmentally on Sundays' River Extension

	Kafirs	Coolies	Totalss
<u>Yard.</u> Loading & Offloading Material employed with Carpenters, Smiths &c	39		39
Trolley boys, Hospital Servts: Hagmen, Scavengers&c Police, Messengers, Chainmen & Trolley boys both at L'smith & Wasch Bank		9	
<u>Masonry</u> Stonewalling & Platelayers houses	23		32
<u>Bridgework</u> (Iron)	17		17
	31		31
<u>Ballasting</u> Loading & Offloadidng No.2 Engine	41		
" " No.3 Engine	42		
Filling & Offlaoding Earth at E Laagte Stn & SRivBridge			
&Loading & Offloading: Ballast No.i Do.	68	5	156
<u>Permanent Way</u> Lifting & Ballasting No.1 Gang King		40	
No.2 Gunman	16		
3 McCarter		24	
4 Dunn		30	
5 Little	36		
6 Benson	35		
7 Gillot		24	
8 Fletcher		36	
and No.10 Gang Edwards (42	30	(42)	331 606
09 Moss			





SNA 705/88 cont 5

SNA to CE 3/10/88 /forwards reply from Res Comm/  
SNA ro Res Comm 2/10/88 (teleg) "Papers SNA 771/88 relative to labour for Gov  
on Railway Extension sent you Sept 14. Will you be able to supply the  
126 Natives by the 15th inst They are urgently required , work will be to a  
great extent at a stand still without them. The Res Engineer has also applied  
for 200 Natives in addition to the above number to ~~be~~ sent either with them  
or as soon after as possible. Please reply."

Res Comm to SNA 3/10/88 "Yours yesterday one hundred and thrity native  
labourers for Govt railays are being collected and will I trust reach Ladysmith  
by the 15th I understand from papers 771 that the additional men were  
required in November & later on they will now be collected & sent as soon  
as possible."

C E to SNA 4/10/88 /You do not seem to have makde it clear that the 200 are  
additional to a~~pl~~ pvsly applied for. See my minute of 26/9 to R E  
and his reply of 27/9

SNA to CE 5/10/88 /I have sent a nother telegram

CE to SNA 6/10/88 / Let me know when you receive any more info. on these  
natives\_

CE to SMA 6/10/88 - Let me know when you receive my note info. on these  
refugees  
SMA to GE 5/10/88 - I have sent a further telegram

and his reply of 2/10/88  
O to SMA 4/10/88 - You do not seem to have made it clear that the 200 are  
additional to all previously notified for. See my minute of 26/9 to R. A  
as possible."

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by the 15th. I understand from papers TVI that the additional men were  
Asbomans for Govt releases are being collected and will I trust reach Baghdad  
has come to SMA 3/10/88 - Yours yesterday are hundred and thirty native

or as soon after as possible. Please reply.

for 200 natives in addition to the above number to be sent either with them  
great extent at a stand still without them. The Has mainmen has also notified  
120 natives by the 15th that they are urgently required. Work will be a  
on Railway Extension sent for 2000 M. I will now be able to supply the  
the to us from 2/10/88 (false) "Letters SMA TVI 88 relative to labour for Gov

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SNA 705/88 cont 6

/On 16/10 RE in PMB receives a telegram asking if there is any more news of " Zulus having left"

~~/RE asks the CE~~ CE asks the SNA on 16/10 /  
~~Res Com to SNA Natal 16/10~~ RM\* Eshowe to SNA Natal 16/10 "88 natives sent this day for Ladysmith for railway works in addition to those I advised you of yesterday" 11/10/88\* Res Com to SNA /81 native labourers sent from here yesterday to Magistrate Ladysmith more being collected /

CE to SNA 22/10/88 "Ex "...I trust that the Resident Commissioner fully understands that the 200 natives applied for in these papers were additional to those applied for in former papers to replace others whose term of service expires as follows. Osbober 126 November 116 December 42 January 59 Total 343. "

SNA to CE 24/10/88 /I have written to the RES Comm telling him /

Res Eng to C E 30/10/88 /I retained these papers in connection with a converstaion I had with the SNA referring to the batches of Zulus due in December & January nest. The Dist Engr would prefer that these be sent in one batch of 100 men in December - please inform SNA."

SNa instructs his office on 30/10 to write to Res Com saying RE would like the balance of 200 in batches of 100. Done 31/10/88 /

WMA 705/68 cont'd

For 16/10 BE in HQ receives a telegram asking if there is any more news of "Kilns having left"

11/10/68\* Res Com to GMA 181 native prisoners sent from home yesterday  
to a native settlement being collected  
admission for railway works in addition to those I advised you of yesterday  
"88 natives sent Friday for  
to be sent to GMA 181 native prisoners sent from home yesterday

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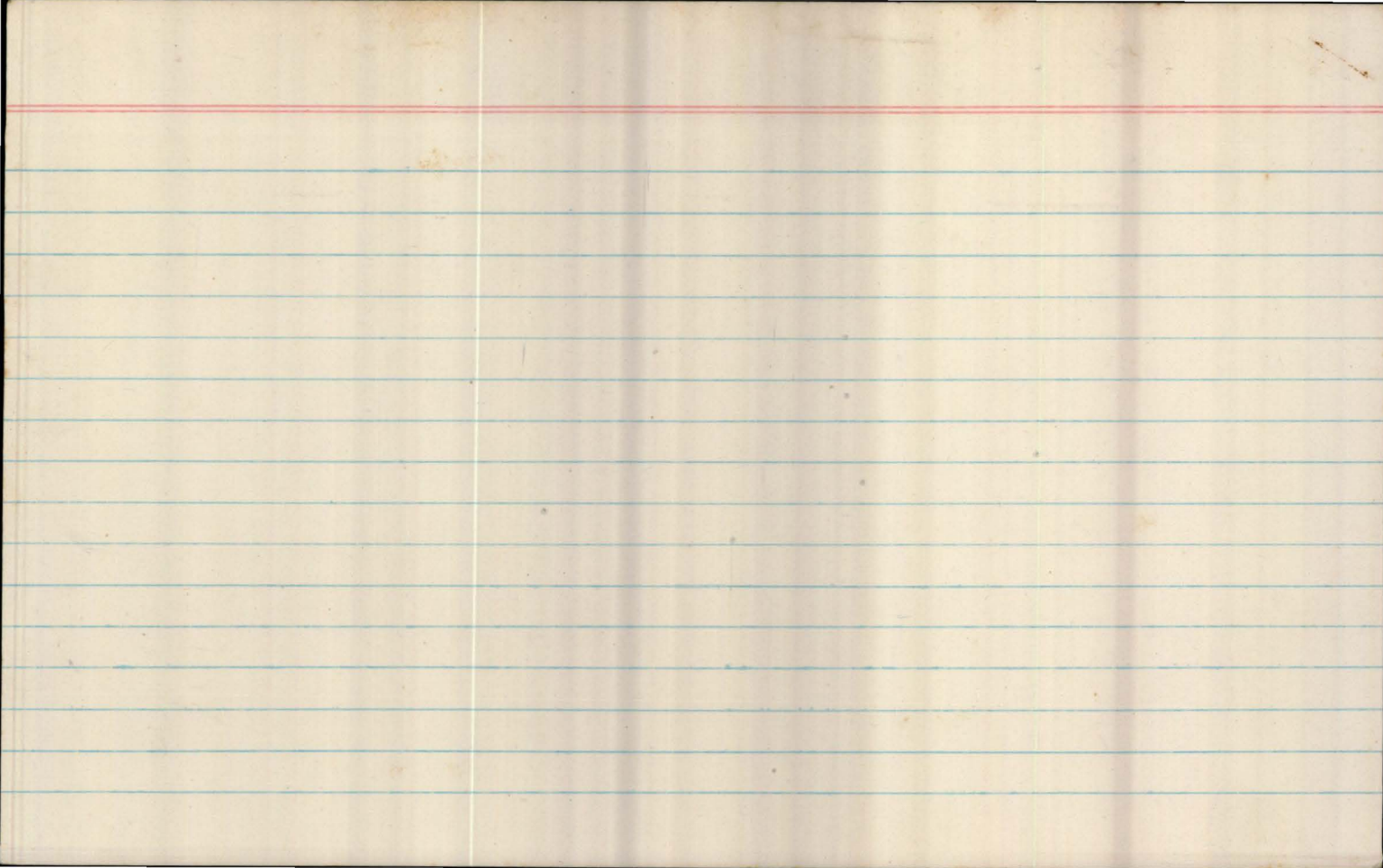
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Unnumbered private letters from Osborn to H Shepstone

Eshowe 11/10/88\*

"My dear Henrique I have yours of the 5th - Saunders is collecting the labourers you require for the Govt Ry works - 81 men were started off yesterday to the Magte Ladysmith & more will follow soon I trust the full compliment\* (about 300 I think) will reach Ladysmith before close of the month. Some of the labour agents from Natal have been very busy lately engaging kafirs giving the chiefs a substantial fee for each man supplied . This makes it rather difficult for us to procure men - the Chiefs naturally being in favour of dealing with the labour agent. John Dunn especially has been doing a good business in that line I understand. / /I find that Dunn has been granting passes to men going into Natal with labour agents. /Instruct your border Magsts not to accept these passes.

*This letter is here because  
the letter gives rep. for  
certain individuals.*





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SNA 438/88

J R Dunn to SNA 1 June 1888 Zululand

"I beg to offer my services to the Natal Government for the introduction of labour from Zululand to Natal, and request you will respectfully intimate the same to HE the G.

As you are aware I acted as agent for the Natal Government in former years."

David Hunter General Manager Natal Government Railways 20 June 1888

Your of 1/6 has been referred to me. Please inform us on what terms you would be able to supply labour, how many, what rates of wages, what period of time / "In regard to the last mentioned point I attach great importance to the stipulation that the men should engage for a period of not less than twelve months

I may add that it would be very satisfactory to my Department if a steady and reliable supply of labour at moderate wages could be kept up, and I shall be ~~glad~~ very glad to avail myself of your agency in this matter if suitable terms can be arranged."

Dunn to Hunter 16/6/88 /Refers to above and states / "that when I wrote to the SNA, it was with a view of establishing a labour depot under Govt of Natal for the general benefit of the Colony, and an office for the registration of labourers entering Natal I acted as Agent for the Natal Government some years ago and the system worked well, unless some system is again carried out, you can never be sure of any labour supply from Zululand, my intended proposition

was to have established a regular depot, for labourers who wished to enter Natal, such men to be forwarded by me to an Agent for Government in Natal Myself to receive a salary, as I did in former years, from Government, and all labour to be registered as allotted to those engaging them, such employers to pay a fee per head to Government to rate /?/ according to terms of service, in fact a modified sum of the present Coolie emigration system, this would I feel confident secure to Natal a constant labour supply, and it would put a stop to Natal being overrun with loafers and vagabonds which is sure to be the case if something is not done soon to check this.

/I have only had an acknowledgement of receipt from the SNA/

Minutes SNA to HE 4/6/88 "If any large number of labourers are required for the railway extension Works, Mr Dunn's offer would I think be deserving of consideration. I have no ~~doubt~~ doubt that he would be able to get labourers more readily than say any one else. I think that if it should become necessary for the Govt. to have a labour Agent, the Railway Dept should itself make arrangements with Mr. Dunn."

Has refers to Gen Manager NGR /SNA, on looking at Dunn's reply, notes that Dunn want to be appointed agent, like prevsly when he recieved £300pa and 2/6 a head. 1878, 2557 labourers /his should be taken in full see next card.



SNA 438/88 cont 2 Minute

SNA to HE 8/7/88

"From the letter written by Mr Dunn to the General Manager YE will see that he wishes to be appointed our sole agent for the importation of native labour at a fixed salary. He held this appointment previous to the Zulu War at a salary of £300 per annum and a fee of 2/6 for each labourer introduced, for which he had to ~~send~~<sup>feed</sup> them at five depots along the route. In 1878 he introduced 2557 natives for whom he received the 2/6 fee amounting to £319/12/6 in addition to his salary. In 1880 he was reappointed but without salary and received a fee of 5/- each on 2539 men equal to £634/7/6 and in 1881 he received £483/7/6. In the year 1882 the fee was reduced to 4/- and he received £425. After this the immigration stopped and in 1884 he again offered to carry it on but asked 25/- ahead, he was offered 5/- but declined it.

Hav to Colonial Secretary 9/7/88

"Please consult with the Col Engineer to advise me on this matter. (1)  
As to whether such an arrangement to procure labour is desirable & (2)  
whether the details of the proposal are satisfactory."

"From the letter written by W. to the General he also will see that he  
 seems to be a retired one, and that the investigation of his service  
 is a fixed affair. He held this position in the service of the  
 Army of 1800 for some time and was of 2nd rank in the service of the  
 which he had to leave. He was of 2nd rank in the service of the  
 in 1800. He was of 2nd rank in the service of the  
 in addition to his salary. In 1800 he was assigned to the service of the  
 received a fee of 5 - each on 2nd rank in the service of the  
 1800. In the year 1802 the fee was reduced to 4 - and he received 3.50.  
 after this the investigation continued and in 1803 he was offered to come in on  
 but asked 25 - ahead, he was offered 5 - and declined it.

May to Colonel Secretary of War  
 "Please send with this letter to advise me on this matter. (1)  
 is to be taken as an agreement to receive 1000 dollars (2)  
 at the close of the year 1803."



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355/88 RM Msinga H F Fynn 4/5/88 to SNA

"I have reason to believe that there are persons indirectly introducing labour from Zululand, without the lawful authority of HE theG, for Contractors of Railways extension purposes, in ignorance of such being unlawful....  
/Suggest the law on this is published in the Government Gazette./

Minutes /HE agrees that a Notice should be issued/ " but I do not desire, under present circumstances, to put difficulties in the way of Natives from Zululand coming to work in Natal, so please instruct the RMS by a Circular, to give every facility consistent with the requirements of the law and of each particular case.

SNA to HE 14/5/88 /Submits notice for approval./ "A fee of 1/- for each pass is made payable by Law No.52/87. This fee the Atty Genl says cannot be remitted by UE. It will fall rather heavily upon a person introducing a number. The strict letter of the Law might be carried out by instruction inf rhw RMS to include all the Natives introduced by an European to be included in one pass & to charge a shilling for 1. The instructions to RMS are that a fee of 1/- is to be charged for each Native included in a Pass."

HE to SNA 16/5/88 "The intention of the Law would, I fear, be violated by including a number of Natives under one pass. I think we had better let the matter rest, until at any rate, complaints are made by employees.

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SNA 427/88

H. Sjöthum The storekeeper at the LM Magistract

H. Sjöthum to SNA 26/5/88 /Application to introude unspeicified number of labourers into Natal/

As above <sup>14/8/88</sup> /1000 for six months, from 7/6 to 20/- for Farm and plantation work and from 20/- to 30/- for mine and railway work/

As above <sup>13/9/88</sup> /In asnwer to yours/ "1st I have places for over 800 men. I made application for 1000 a round number so as not to have to apply for Licence again if more orders comes. Not natives will be sent by me unless I have places for them.

2ndly: 550 are ordered for the Railway works and 50 for a coal mine in the Klip Rover Country.

The men will not be sent out in one gang of 1000 but will be sent most probably in gangs of from 10 to 30 at a time wherever so many can e brought together. The magistrate in this country that issues the psses will be infrome d of the precise destination of each man or of each gang sent."

Minutes

After letter of 26/5 He is sent the Laws and Regulations

After letter of 14/8 H Shepstone the SNA asks Osborn what he thinks

RES Comm to SNA 28/8/88

"I know of nothing against the granting of a license to the

applicant to take labourers from Zululand to Natal. I doubt, however, the advisability of authorising him to the extent of one thousand labourers. Judging from the context of his application, it would seem that he has no defined ascertained employment for the men. He evidently intends to bargain with employees to supply them from time to time with a certain number of labourers which he then assigns to them after procuring them in Zululand. I may be mistaken, but I think and venture to say that such a practice is objectionable and might lead to abuse and difficulties. /\_This would not apply if he specified the employment and told the men before they left Zululand

Shepstone to Sjothun 20/9/88

/Forwards licence saying that it should be endorsed...\_

This licence should be exhibited to the authorities in Zululand whenever you apply for a pass for natives under it and the Magistrate issuing the Pass should endorse on the Licence the number of Natives for whom he has given the pass with the date, and there should be noted also on the Pass that the Licence encloses has been produced and that the officer issuing the Pass is satisfied as to the destination of the Native Labourers."



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SNA 421/88

F. Galloway to SNA 28/5/88 ~~/Under~~ According to Govt Notice No255 applies for licence / "to introduce into Natal on their way to the Gold fields from Zululand 100 Zulu labourers at 30/- per month"/

EXHIBIT 100

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1. Delivery to the 23/2/88. The record of the delivery is on file in the file of the 23/2/88. The record of the delivery is on file in the file of the 23/2/88. The record of the delivery is on file in the file of the 23/2/88.



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SNA 430/88

J R and E Saudners Tongaat (Tongati is how it is spelt on the letter head)  
to SNA / In compliance with the recently published notice 31/5/88  
apply to introude 50 men from Zululand to work on the coast at 8-10/- a month\_/\_

REV. J. I. JOE

CHURCH

I and J. Sanders (Hornett) is in the letter head

to the In compliance with the recently received notice

only to inform 50 men from the coast at 8-10 a month



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SNA 434/88 Stephen Sullivan to SNA 2/6/88

For permission to introduce 200 men from beyond borders of Colony to work  
for not less than 8 months at 25-30¢-/\_

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For information to the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20540

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Minute Resident Magistrate Newcastle to SNA 25/5/88

"natives on their way from Zululand to the Transvaal goldfields pass here and present the passes issued to them by the authorities ~~otherwise~~ there at this office.

I should like to know whether it is the intention of the passes Regulations that natives should be required under such circumstances to be provided with a pass for the period occupied in passing through this Colony, or whether they can be allowed to go through on the authority of the passes they obtain in Zululand without further payment provided they show their passes and get them <sup>visé</sup> ed at this office.

27A 1/1/106

41A/38

Minute Resident Representative forwarded to 31/ 22/5/38

"atives on their way from 2/1/106 to the universal official a case here  
and present the case passed to them by the authorized authority here at this  
office.

I should like to know whether it is the intention of the cases mentioned in §  
atives would be required under such circumstances to be provided with a pass for  
the period occurred in the past, or whether they are allowed  
to go to work on the authority of the passes they obtain in England without  
further payment provided they show their passes and not then viewed as this  
office.



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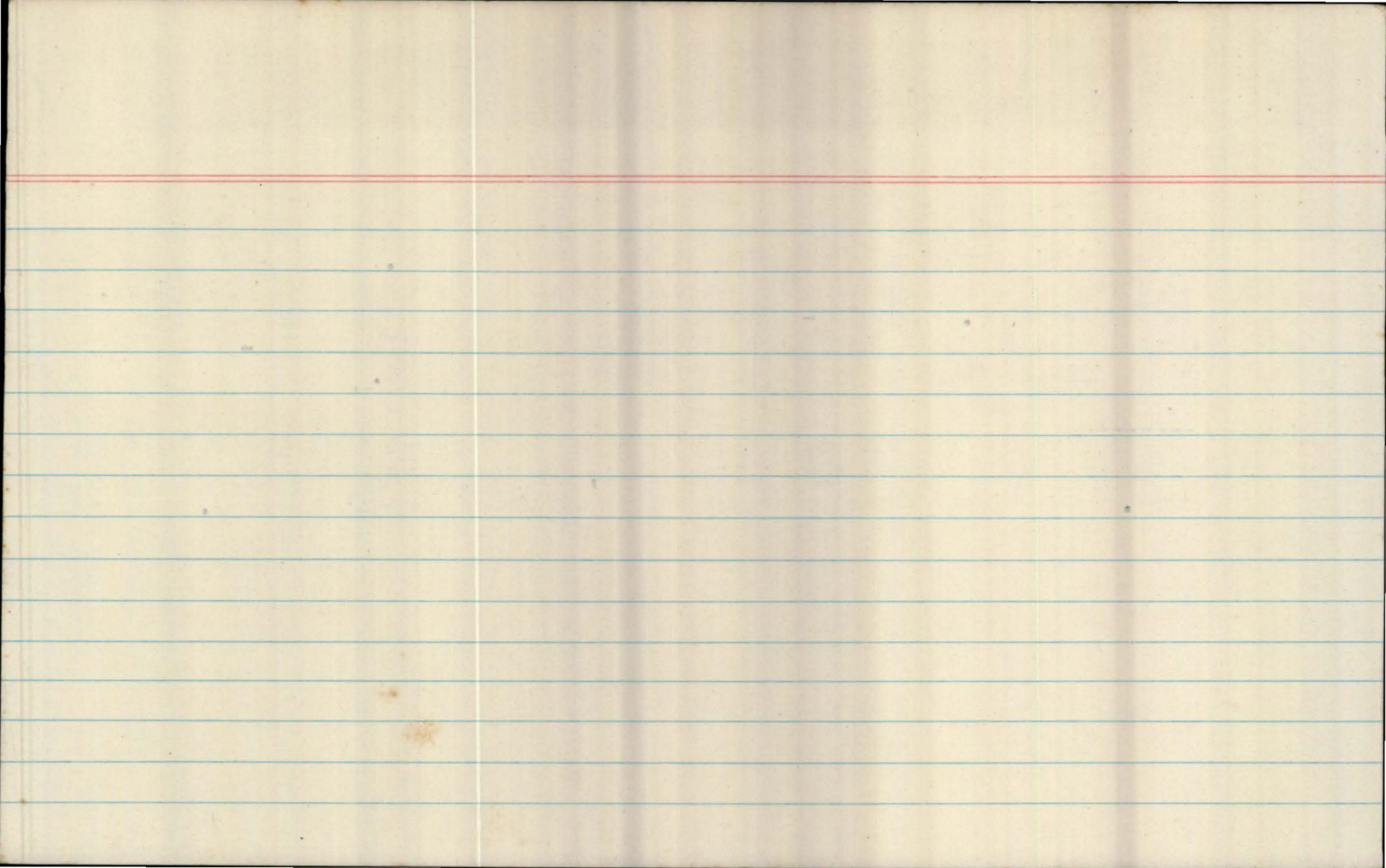
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SNA 622/88 Emile Jancke Bloemfontein to SNA 27/7/88

The government of the Congo FreeState of Brussels Belgium has asked him to obtain information on recruitment of natives from SA. Want 4-600 to work for three or four years as carriers or labourers on the plantations, and as Native Police. Pay 70/- a month all found this is probably an error as the next sentence says those with rade or chiefs will get 30/- a month They will be picked up by steamer from any colonial port.

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SNA to Hav 6/8/88 "It would be quite impossible to get the men here to go to the Congo and even were any willing to go, the terms offered would not tempt them. Much higher wages being obtainable within reach of the Colony."





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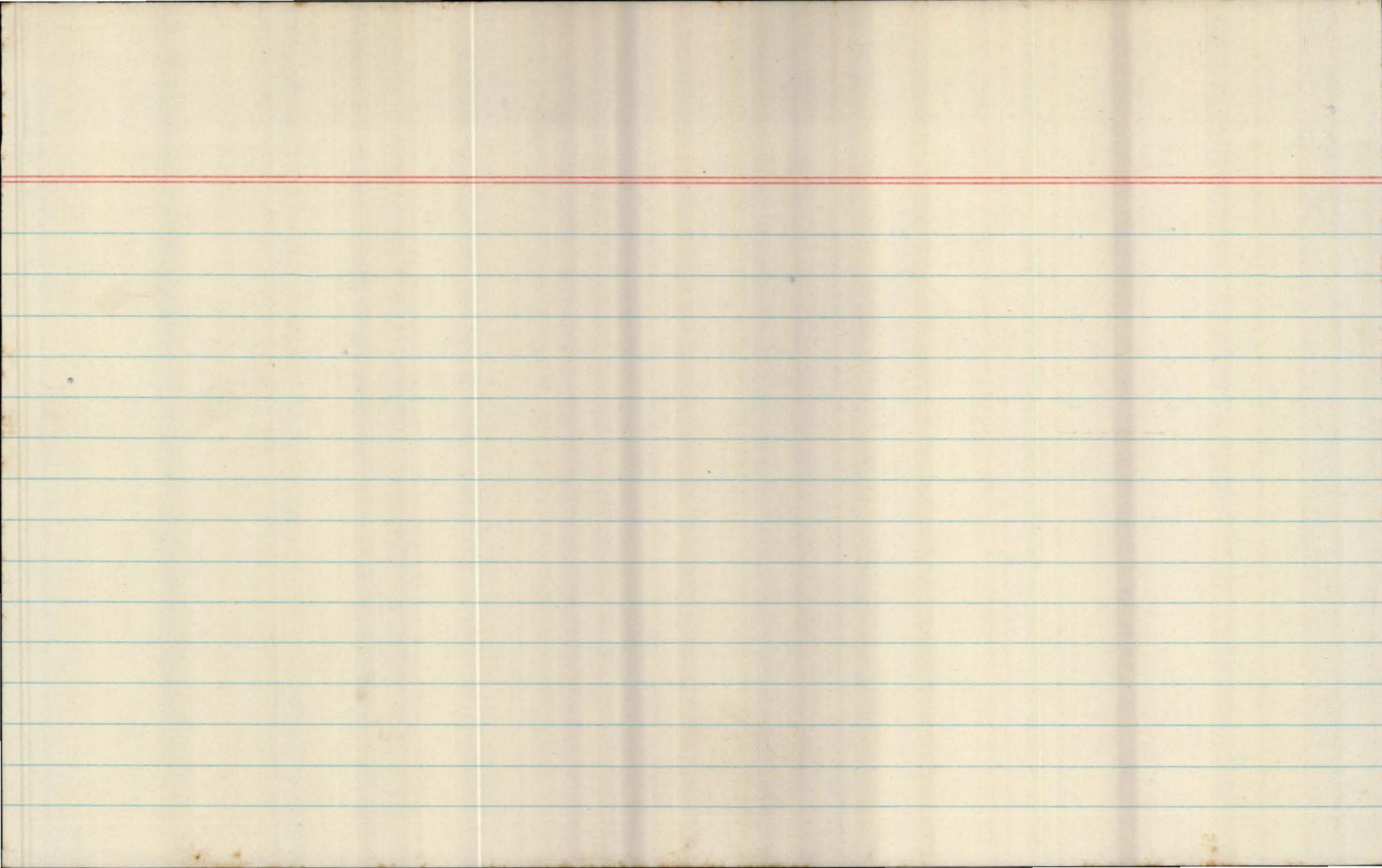
732/88 R E (NGR) to SNA 29/8/88

/The bearers Abrey and Wise are the Contractors for the Newcastle section of the Railway Extension (37 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles) and require to import about 2000 labourers from surrounding countries. Give them permits to do so\_/

Abrey and Wise to SNA PMB 31/8/88

/Requests permits for 2000 labourers at 1/- a working day. Requests that if possible that ten licences be made for 100 men each and 20 for fifty men.\_/

Minutes "one and RM Newcastle Msinga Umvoti Lower Tugela and ANL Mapumulo informed on 3/9/88





SNA 1/1/1009

SNA 757/88

A. H. Galloway to SNA 6/9/88

[Wants permission to introduce 40 Zulu labourers into Natal for 6 mths at 14/- per month.

In consequence of the disturbed state of Zululand  
I only got 8 men under the licence I had procured.]

786/88 A. G. Vincent to SNA 14/9/88

[Contractor on Railway Extn. Wants 150.]





SNA 1/1/109

SNA 645/88.

Charles Reid to Gov \* undated

[200 from Zuluwani on sub-contract with Mr Noble]





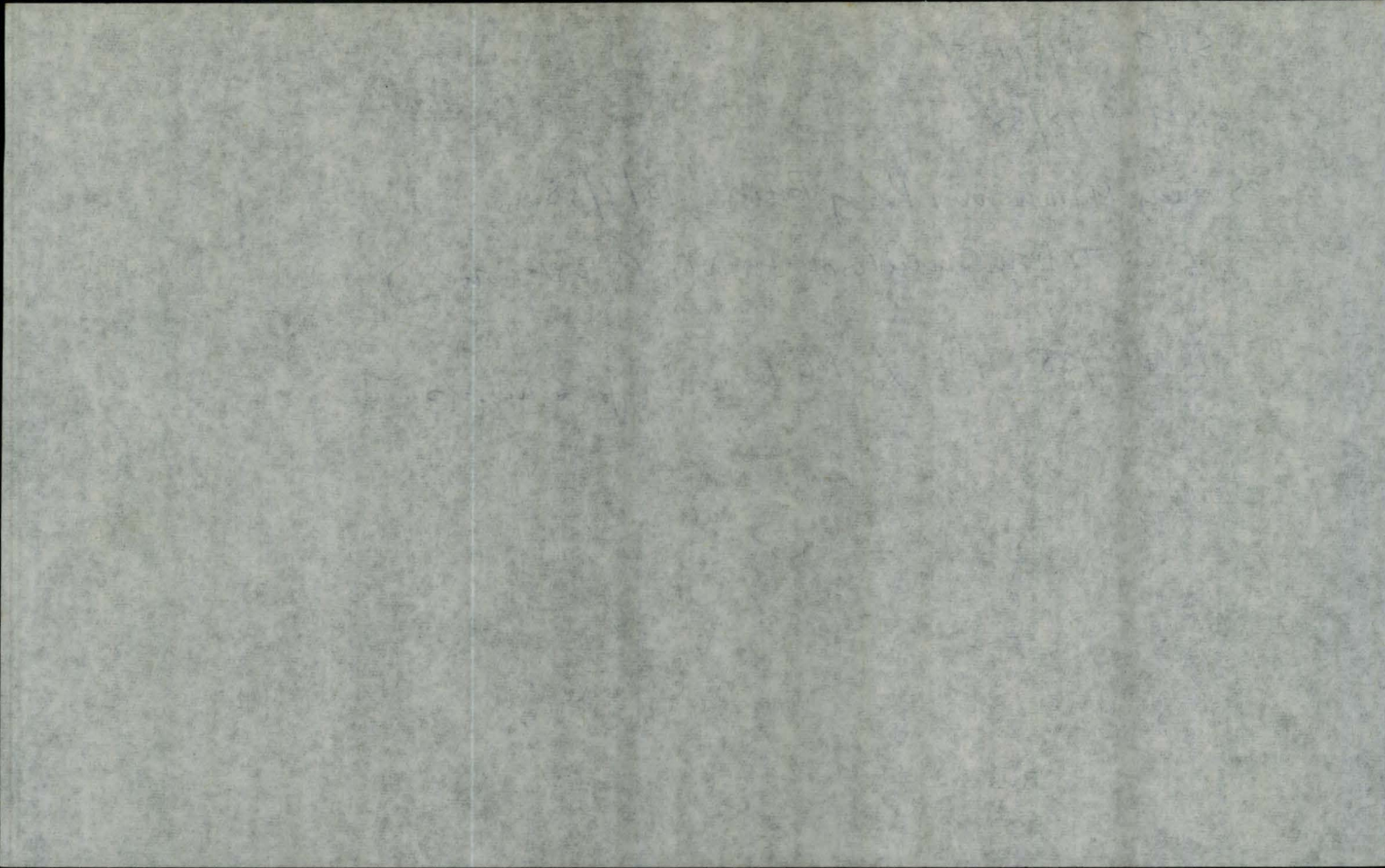
SNA 1/1/109

SNA 798/88

Sidney Markham + Percy Barn 18/9/88.

[ 500 from Zulu land for NG. R extension ]

[ 21/9/88 At £ 1/10 per month for 6 months. ]





SNA I/1/109

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George Ashby to SNA 24/9/88 Biggarberg Ext

/ Labour from Zululand for railway work. To send son for 40 at 30/- for thirty days work, or 25/- per month not exceeding 6 mths\_/

834/88 Wagstaffe Biggarsberg to SNA 27/9/88 teleg

/Apl for licence 300 natives from Zululand/ "Nephew gone to your brother to obtain that number"

/all these licenses are granted\_/

D.J.Pretorious Waterfall Provsio B 16/10/88 and 25/9/88

/ To intoruduce 100 labourers to Natal at 26/- a month and 6d for meat on Sautrudays for 6 months.

875/88 5 David Roberts 500 from Zululand

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A note 200  
For railway work

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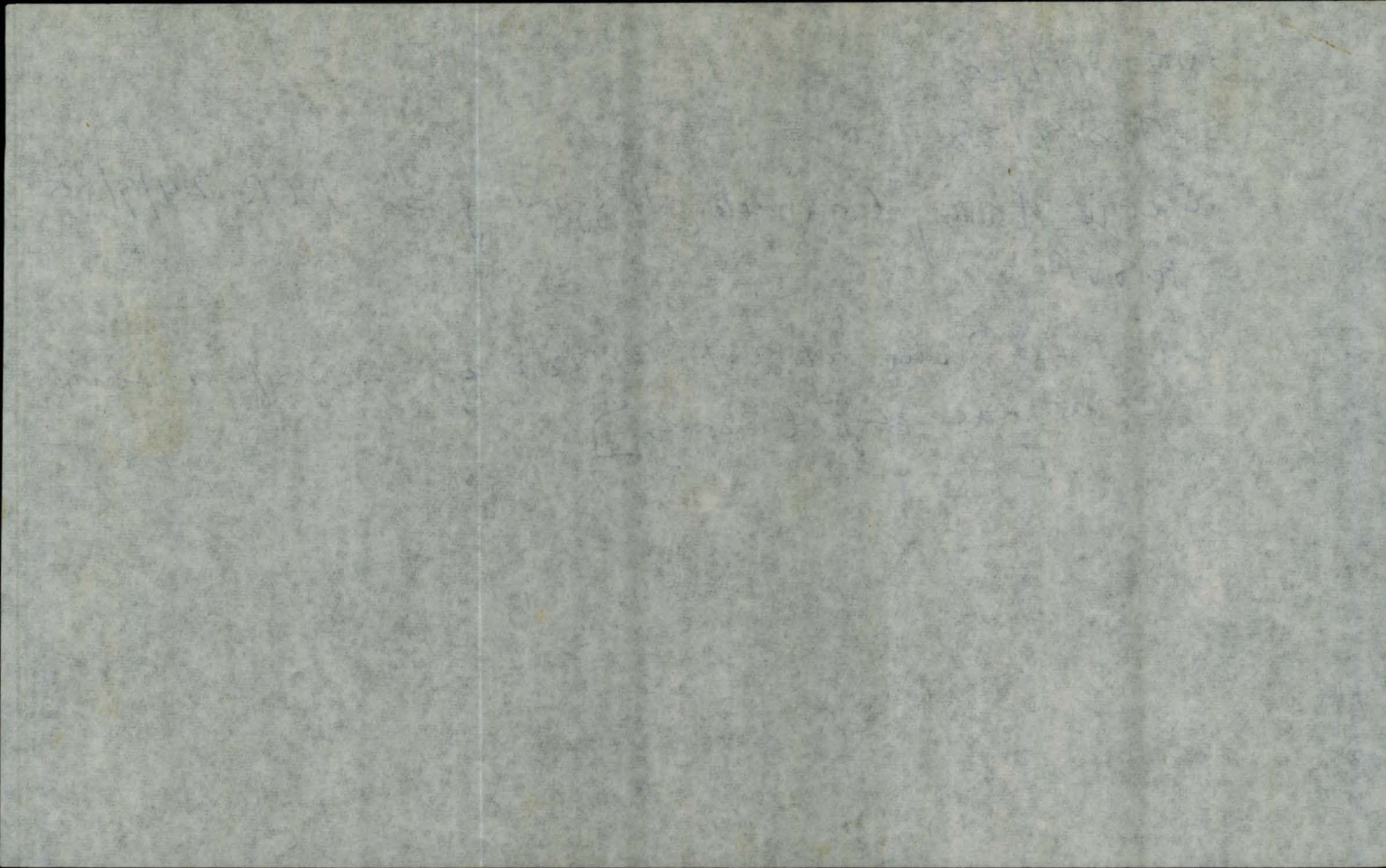


SNA 1/1/1001

SNA 819/88

George Aubrey Contractor Biggleswade Ext NGR 24/9/88  
to SNA.

[ ± 40 2wks at 38/- per 30 days or 25/- a month  
not exceeding 6 months ]





SNA I/L/110

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/The background to the drive into Zululand for labour in 188 is coming out clearly now. Natal road works ~~and Railway~~ Railway needs labour badly. Wages however have been pushed up by Tvl goldfields. As a result isbalo has collapsed, and labour recruiting becoming a problem generally

CE Natal to SNA 20/10/88 /Printed ~~Form~~ Form  
50 Natives are required for Newcastle Division Road party to increase the strenth. It is requested that the RM of Newcastle, and the RM of Umsinga may be directed to supply these "atives to report themselves to Mr Sanderson CED."

Minutes. Shepstone asks RM Msinga to supply and if he can't approach RM Umvoti 22/10/88

RM Umvoti ~~writes~~ "I havethis day called upon Chief Mawele to supply me with 25 men of his tribe in this Division.

As I have lately supplied a great number of men to the Col. Engineer's Dept. in Newcastle, Ladysmith and Msingia Divisions, will you please be good to supply the remainder from your District." Fynn RM Msinga 25/10/88

RM Msinga " I am ~~n~~ quite unable to camply with your request having had to supply large numbers to the Col. Engineers Department and the Govt Railway works." J Eustace Fannin RM 29/10/88

Fynn to SNA 30/10/88 "I am trying to get twenty five natives  
It is difficult to find young men here anywhere, numbers having gone  
to the Goldfields diamond fields elsewhere."

H Shepstone to Col Engineer 2/11/88 "For your information. I cannot  
get the men, and I must say that I do not think that it is right  
that the men should be forced into labour at 10/- a month, when the  
/?/ on public works in this City /?/ are receiving from 25/- to  
30/-."

A.H. Hime to SNA Port Shepstone 6/11/88 Pressing

"Will you be good enough to lay this matter before HE without  
delay, as the want of native labour is now becoming a matter of  
serious importance and is greatly hindering the work of my Department.  
I cannot possibly expect to keep the roads of the Colony in  
repair unless my requisitions for native labour are promptly complied  
with, but it is scarcely my duty to say how this labour is to be  
obtained. / / I would, however, point out that that, if the pay  
of the natives in the Klip river and Newcastle Divisions is to be  
increased by 15/- to 20/- a month, the expenditure on the Roads will  
be increased by about £5000 per annum for those two Divisions only,  
but as it would, manifestly, be unfair to raise the wages of the natives  
in those Divisions without at the same time raising the wages of the natives  
employed in all the other Divisions of the Colony, the total increase  
of expenditure under the Road Vote would, probably, amount to  
about £20,000 per annum, on the numbers of natives employed by my



Department would have to be so reduced that the maintenance of the roads in anything like efficient repair would be an utter impossibility.

You must, however, be well aware that the offer of high wages will not be any solution of the native labour difficulty; if such had been the case you would have had no difficulty in supplying the natives required by me for the Railway Extension and yet you had to send to Zululand to obtain those natives. You must also be aware that the agents, employed by the Railway Contractors to obtain native labour for them, obtain it, as a rule, by paying the chiefs so much a head for the natives they supply, thus proving that the chiefs are able to supply the labour, if paid for so doing, but are unable to supply it when ordered to do so by the Government.

You allege, in other papers, that the Chiefs have now less power than they had formerly and that this is one of the principal reasons why they are unable to supply the labour required by the Government, but surely the R.M.'s ~~or~~ or A.N.L's could, on the representations of a chief, punish any natives who refuse to obey his orders.

I ask you to ~~put~~ lay these papers before HE at once because I have been urged on other papers to use every endeavour to maintain in good repair the main roads in continuation of the lines of railway, and I desire HE to know that I cannot maintain the roads without a plentiful supply of native labour."

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and, been the case you would have had no difficulty in maintaining  
Government by the use of the native labor and you had to  
and to maintain to obtain these natives. You must also be aware that  
the agents, employed by the Silver Corporation to obtain native labor  
for them, within the same time, by the use of a small band for  
the natives they supply, thus showing that the agents are able to  
supply the labor, in fact, for so doing, but are able to supply  
it when ordered to do so on the Government.  
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than they had formerly and that this is one of the principal reasons  
why they are unable to supply the labor required by the Government,  
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good order the main roads in connection of the lines of railway,  
and I desire to know that I cannot maintain the roads without  
a plentiful supply of native labor.



& the Chiefs can do nothing. Should they refuse their Chiefs order when calle out for the Govt., the Chief reports it to the Mat., who has the man arrested, & if the charge is found he is punished. But this is a course which the chiefs do not like and will not willingly do unless obliged by pressure from the Magistrate as it shows their want of authority and power so clearly and publicly to their public."

Havelock writes I suppose to the SNA 14/11/88

"The difficulty of getting the labour required is much to be regretted, but it is not clear how to find a remedy. There are other papers on which I think the Col. Engineer deals ~~generally~~ <sup>generally</sup> with the question of labour for public works. Perhaps these papers suggest something feasible."

[How is sent SNA 876/88

SNA 11/1/10

918/88 22/10/89 74 required for Road Work

Kip Riva - some response we can get but  
the men are away

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SNA to HE 11/11/88

"Forwarded for YE's consideration. The main papers on the labour question are still with the CE. I regret to say that I have now requisitions for over 200 natives for the Cln Engr which I have been unable to supply; the various RMS reprrting that they could not get them, as all or nearly all the young men, who were not watned at home for planting the crops, were either already on the road works or were away at the Diamond & old Fields, & working on the railway extenstion.

Last year at this time there were about 1200 Nativesprived by ~~±~~ me for the Col. Engr, and now there are I beleive over 2500 at work. If it were possible to call out narives living ~~inx~~ on unoccupied farms the task of providing Natives would be a good deal easier, but even then I think the wages given should be about the same as that current in the Divisions in which they work. I had no difficuty in getting the men (200) asked for in a hurry by the R<sub>ail</sub>way authorities & I have no doubt I could have ~~obtained~~ continued the supply ~~atx~~ as the wages were 1/- a day, but I know that I should have the demands of the Col. Engr. to meet & I therefore preferred getting them from Zululand.

I am unaware of the practice of geeing the Chiefs for labourers supplied to which the Col. Engr. refers as being prevalent in this Colony. The Chiefs havenot the power now to order out the men, and the men know it and, if they did not wish to go, would and do refuse,



SNA 1/1/106

SNA 416/88 Daniel de Pass to SNA 28/5/88 Spence & Co Reunion Estate

"With refernece to the advertisment on the introduction of Natives for Labor. I am wishful to take on suitable labour by way of assisting the policy I urged Please send full particulars."

Ag above 18/6/88

/Complains of albour being drawn otu of the Colony - like the Diamond  
fields now the Labour Contractors\_/\_

Minutes SNA to HE "It is a question of wages the labourer will always go where his labour will be best paid, & Mr. De Pass' own letter shows that here they are willing to give 15/- a month while at the Diamond ~~Fi~~ & old Fields they would get 30/- a week.

~~It would not be think~~ I do not think that it would be practical  
for the Govt. to compel the Native labour as appears to be suggested...."  
Havelock agrees.\_/\_

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/ In this there has been an inquiry for labour by Ce dept and they evenlyly get it from Ixopo and Zululand. Some of the documents arenot here. Taken rather impressioniscally

Res Engr to CE 17/5/88 "I now find we require more labour. Will you please arragne for another 100 to be supplied, as soon as possible "

CE to RE 18/5/88 "Do you want 100 more Natives in addition to the 100 expected from Zululand.?"

/Yes. Hime then asks SNA for 100 more for the Sundays River Extensio n on 18/5/88. SNA asks the RC Zululand on 17/5/88 By the 23/5 there is no reply from RC

SNA to CE 26/5/88 "No reply has yet been recieved but I do not think that there will be any difficuty."

RE to CE 11/6/88 "I shall be gald to know when these men may be expected? Will the present state of Zululand , in any way affect the getting these \* and if so cann they be had in the Colony"

/Another teleg to Eshowe. R repeats the guestion on 18/6 and Hime asks on the same day x if it can't be hurried up.

Papers circulate without comment to end of October Telgs about recurring  
and catch - most of them not dated. / Osborn has ordered his from  
the IM district. /



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W Hawkswoth, Hawkswood, Alesandra 8/8/88 to Colonial Sec

/transmits copy of resolution brought before the recent Planters Conference and which / "owing to the goldfields interest outweighing the agricultural, was lost by a majority of six.

Considering the importance of the question raised in that resolution to all classes of employers of labour in this colony ~~by~~ be they domestic, industrial or agricultural, ~~and~~ who must eventually suffer by a scarce and dear labour supply if the present exodus to the neighbouring states is not checked, / this is why I submit the following. A Law should be passed to conserve our labour /

"returning home a few days ago I travelled with an Alexandrian on a visit from the Transvaal goldfields who informed me that a Natal Kafir for mining work - owing to his industrial training here - was equal to two, three and sometimes four Transvaal natives & his wages was, in consequence proportionately high ranging from 40/--50/- per month and that contractors for the supply of such labour was recruiting all over the colony.

If immediate restrictive steps are not taken a broad stream of emigration will set in to the detriment of our own labour supply. One recruiter at present at work is wanting 2,000 labourers which he can place in the neighboring states obtaining as much as £1 per head per month from the various employers who contract with him for their supply.

Till recently native wages averaged in this district from 11/- to 12/- per month the recruiters offer 40/- and upwards, and although some resist the temptation of such high pay they demand a considerable increase if they remain at work as the supply becomes more and more restricted a severe competition will casue wages to rise to a ruinous hight\*."

Resolution Portect employers from recruiters for foreign states./

Minutes SNA to HE 14/8/88 "I do not see the justice of the other course. A man comes here & says I want so many labourers & am ~~writing~~ ~~writing~~ illing to give 40/- or 50/- a month, why should they not be at livery to go. This appear to me to be an attmpt to keep down the rate of wages by refusing to allow labourers to go elsewhere to try & better themselves."

"I do not think that any interference with the ordinary course of demand and supply of labour, would be justifiable." AEH 16/8/88



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SNA 335/88

George Ashby, Arbuthnot & Young, John Croft, G.B.Gillet, G. Sutherland,  
R. Wagstaffe, George Wagstaffe Cairns Bros. Ernest Stepmay, Mowat & Keith,

B.D.Pope, Geo E Maby, J . Johnsons

/?/ Price to Col Sec 25 /4/88

Ladysmith

/The above, all contractors on the Sundays River Extension of the NGR\_/

"In consequence of a very high rate of wages being given to natives at the Gold Fields of the SAR, large numbers are leaving Natal attracted by this, and ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> work on the Government Railways undertaken by the Contractors is most seriously hampered thereby, we being unable to obtain a sufficiency of Kaffir labour to carry on our work with proper expedition./

/There are three Agents in Ladysmith alone supplying Gold Field Companies and receiving a Commission. Suggest that RM's be allowed to refuse passes to work on the mines, \_/

Minutes SNA to HE 4/5/88 "I do not see what right the Govt has to do such a thing as this. I would practically give the petitioners the power to force the natives to work for whatever they chose to give"  
Havelock agrees and instructs reply as above.



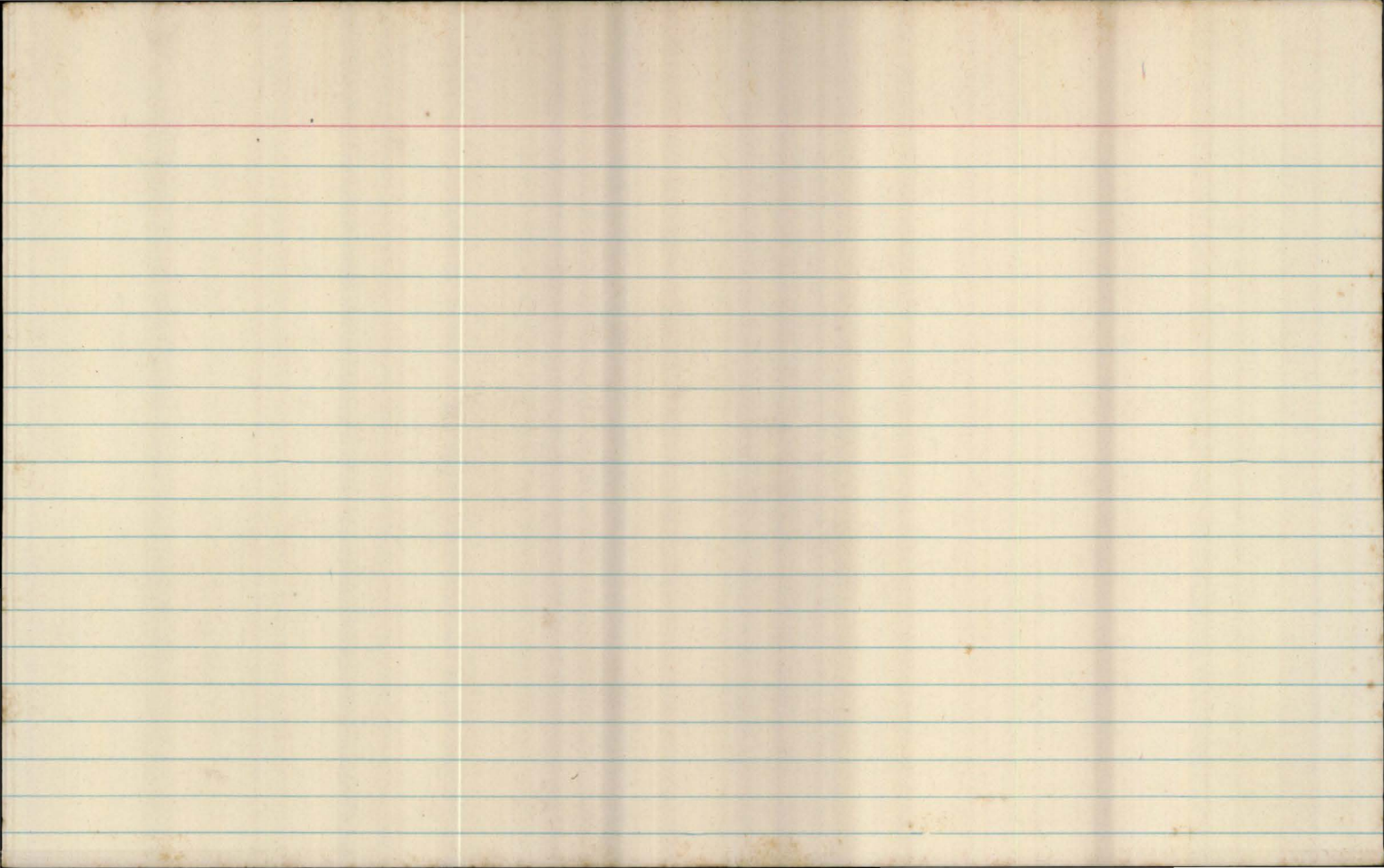


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[ Afficon member of "Addison's horse" claims  
payment of £7/15 for service in Zululand.  
Longley unable on whose responsibility ]

Applicant Unanyatula, member of Jonghe's  
Native Levy has paid.





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1/1/108

~~Petition from Robert Wood and 48 others Weenen County undated SNA607/88~~

/All farmers/ "That your petitioners are all more or less dependent in their farming operations on native labour and knowing this they have from time to time (at considerable sacrifice and inconvenience) located native kraals on their farms, simply for the purpose of procuring a regular and reliable supply of labour, and that now the demand for labour in the adjoining state has become so great, they find their native labourers are constantly breaking their agreements to supply your petitioners with labour and proceeding to the said gold fields, being there able to obtain far higher wages than your petitioners can possibly afford to pay and to their your peitioners great loss and inconvenience."

Your petitioners humbly point out that their native tenants cannot legally leave the Colony in search of labour or otherwise without passes obtained from Government and seeing that you petitioners native tenants are all bound by agreement to supply labour to their landlords and that they have for years enjoyed accommodation by living on your peitioners farms, your peitioners think it hard that they should be now deprived of the labour to which they are rightly and justly entitled through being unable to afford to compete for labour against mining compnaies and others requiring native labour in the adjoining Repulbic.

Your peitioners therefore humbly pray YE to put such restictions on granting passes to natives proceeding to neighbouring States as to prevent their tenenats from breaking their agreements, and ....

/suggest this is done by the officers issuing passes restricting movement/

### Minutes

/Hav refers it to SNA for comment/1/8/88

/SNA asks <sup>Gov's</sup> ~~his~~ Sec for a similar petition received the previous year. Sec says G121 and 207/86=CO 193/86 appear to be the ones, and they were sent to the Res Comm Zululand on 25/3/87 and gave mpw been ca;;ed fpr/

SNA to HE 6/8/88 "The Law will not allow of the restriction proposed. The question was raised in the Legislative Council by Mr. Murray and through the House was told that the Governor had not the power under the Law to do what was proposed, the resolution was passed as also an address forwarding it to YE. Mr Murray in his reply stating that he thought it the duty of the Gvt. to bring in a Bill amending the Law to carry out the wishes of the Council. I forward papers from Contractor on the Railway exsntion asking the same order SNA 335/88."

Havelock 8/8/88 "Please draft a reply pointing out the law in the matter, adding that any alteration of the Law in the direction they indicate would be unjust & inexpedient, and suggesting that if these persons infringe their articles /?/ it is to be presumed that there is a remedy at Law against them.

The Magistrates might be instructed to explain to these people when they ask for passes that if they are under contract to their landlords to work for them they are probably liable to an action for work or contract, in leaving the Colony.



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Minute 5/12/88

Have a new again

AET seen with

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CE to SNA 31/10/88 /100 natives for Newcastle Division for deviation of Raod at Schein's Hoogte. RM Msinga and Newcastle should supply th m to Sanderson Newcastle/ "as soon as possible."

Minutes SNA to CE 31/10/88 "Pepaers relating to the question of wages for natives on the Roads are still with you. I can not supply these natives. I have just sent a requeistion to Umsinga for 50 natives for Newcastle and one for 75 to Weenen. Perhaps there would not be so much difficulty in getting natives were the wages given more in accordance with those current in the Colony. The natives now they know that men for roads are required all rush away to find work for themselves when they know they can get higher rates of wage."

J F Barnet ACE to SNA 2/11/88

"I regard the question of "Wage" ~~as~~ with respect to the Natives turning out as a very secondary matter for consideration and in proof, would point to the difficulty you still experience in obtaining Natives for Railway Work even though the rate <sup>is</sup> of 1/- a day. You must I think concur with me in thinking that what is really required relative to this matter is a better definement of power and general relations of the Chiefs with R.M.s the Secty N.A - and the Supreme Chief. As of course with their tribes ~~6x~~ also. The colonial

Engineer - now absent on duty - has with him the papers on the supply of ~~labour~~ Labor for Public Workers and as I know how thoroughly he realises the necessity which exists for promptly dealing with this on a broad basis - you may shortly expect to receive the papers together with his recommendations on the subject. The question has already become serious not only will regard to the Departments chiefly concerned but to the Govt generally - and as I venture to presume, (and to hope) that until there is in your hands a more definite means of enforcing your orders nothing important will be done /?/ ordering out the extra men which this Department requires. it would appear that we must expect the difficulty in procuring native labour to continue for some little time longer."

SNA to CE 5/11/88 "The wages part of the question has a very great deal to do with the matter. Natives cannot be expected to come forward willingly to work for less than ~~they~~ half the wages they can earn by going out themselves, and that is what they do directly it becomes known that Govt. is calling out labour. I had no difficulty whatever in getting the 200 men I supplied ~~x~~ from this Colony for the labour on the Railway, you have been misinformed.

Barnet ACE to SNA 5/11/88 "I based my opinion on the fact that to supply natives for Railway Labour have had to go to Zululand and to give the maximum wage. But granting all you aver - you will I think, concur



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that, the difficulties, especially as regards Your Department, can not be solved merely by the C.E.D. increasing the wages. I am inclined to think that an increase of Wage - should not be made until other matters and considerations bearing upon the general working of the system, have been thought out and arranged.

/ avelock sees without comment /

/ Barnett asks again for the 100 Pressing 27/11/88 and then swaubbles over the number of the prevs appleication which can't be found. /

SNA 1/1/110 2490 992/88

7/11/88 [10 for Hovrich & Kaushof Road Parties]

Minutes [R Ms. say the comit are get them. SNA 6/12/88 to CE

"... I really do not know what to do in the face of  
the Mgs. opinions."

CE Home to SNA 6/12/88 Very Pressing

"As I shall get the blame if the roads are not kept in  
repair, I beg to request that these papers may be  
laid before HE without delay."

[AEH, seen with SNA 876/88 AEH 15/2/89.]

SNA 1/1/111 1067/88 [39 for Road Works Escort]

When RM replies "The Roads are in locations are depleted of  
working men..."



SNA I/1/109

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Sidney Markham and Percy Batt to SNA 18/9/88 Washbank 18/9/88

Apply to introduce 500 natives from Zululand to work on the Newcastle Railway extension

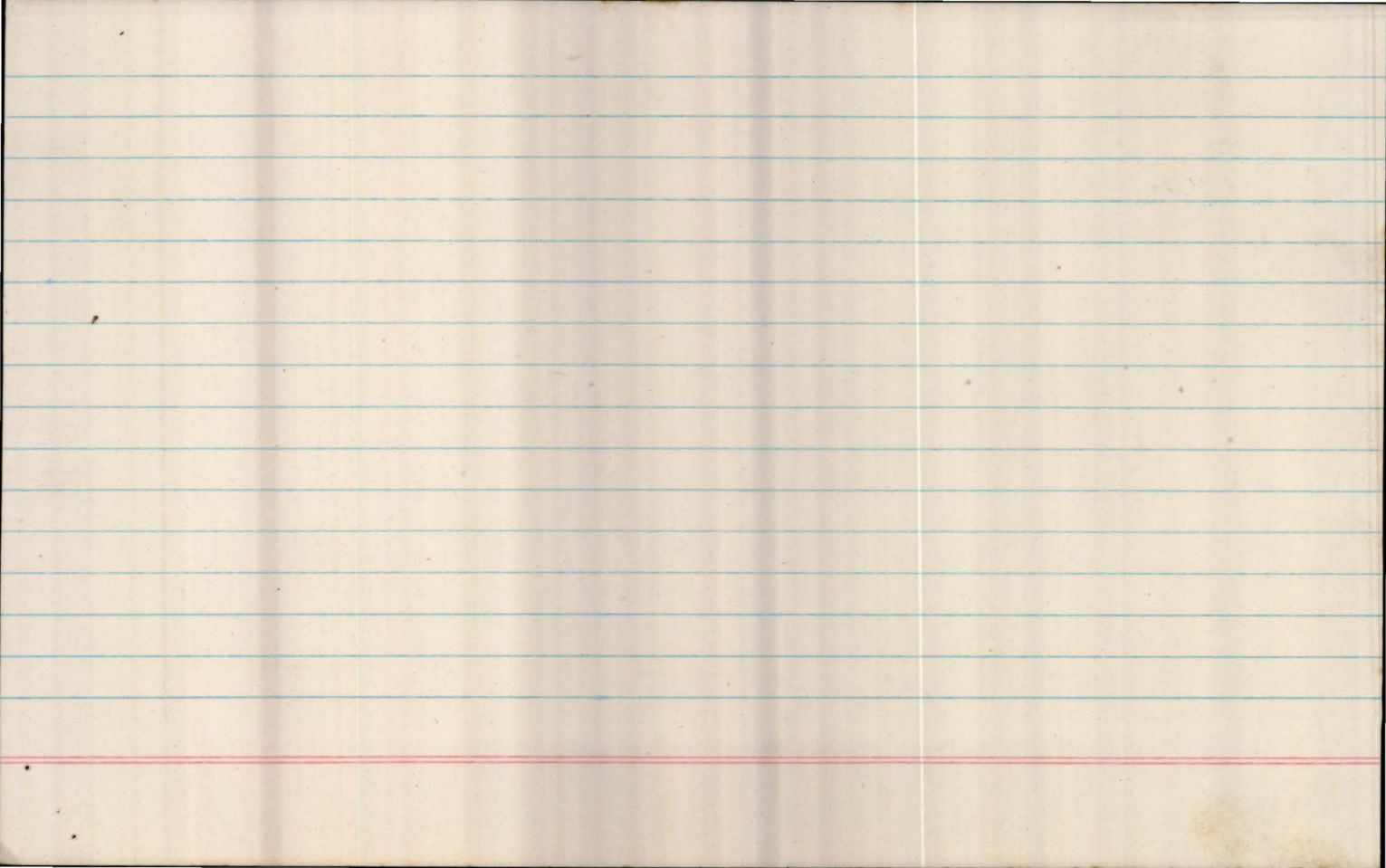
As above Ladyysnith 21/9/88

/ We intend to pay them 30/- a month and the time of "servis" will be 6 months. / Dist Engr to Col Engineer 20/9/88 Minute

"I believe Mr. Batt has a sub contract under Messrs Wise and Abrey ~~also~~ though I ~~believe~~ have not been officially informed so. I cannot say what wages will be paid these men but to prevent discontent among the men the Govt. called out for the Dept. I would suggest, if it is feasible, they should not be offered a higher wage than is paid to our men viz 1/- per working do."

/ Insutructions for letter to Markhan & Batt "Prepare License, wages not to exceed 1/- per working day" HS 22/9/88

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Report SNA 20/12/90

The obligation of Natives to labour upon Public Works at the demand of the Supreme Chief is no new thing and this obligation has been enforced ever since this Colony has been under English Rule.

The New Code of Native Law sanctioned by Law No 38 of 1890 recognizes this obligation. It also give power to the Native Chief, who has called out Natives of his tribe to labour upon Public Works on the requisition of the Supreme Chief, to punish any native who refused to comply with his order.

This power to the Native Chief to punish for any disobedience of such order is one which I have long advocated should be given to the Chiefs, as they have under the existing code no such power; and any Native may disobey with impunity an order of the Chief to go to work, issued on the requisition of the Supreme Chief, the only remedy in the power of the Native Chief is to report such disobedience to the Administrator of Native Law, - This was a very undesirable state of affairs. / / The question of wages is as HM's S of S appears to think the next matter involved.

Ub 1886 the question was raised and I reported that the last revision of wages was made in 1875 when the rate fixed was considered to assimilate fairly with the wages current in the Colony. Since that date, however the rate of wages steadily increased, until in the years 82/83 and /84 it was more than double the Government rate, which was not altered, through the matter was several times brought forward by

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This power to the Legislative Council to punish for any disobedience of such order is one which I have long addressed solemnly to the Chiefs, as they have under the existing code no such power; and any native disobedient with impunity in order of the Chief to do work, issued on the requisition of the Supreme Chief, the only remedy in the power of the Legislative Council is to report such disobedience to the Administration of Native Law. - This was a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. The question of wages in the Native Law of 1890 appears to think the next matter involved.

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my Department.

In 1886 however the general rate owing to depression again fell off to a little below that paid by the Government, and then the Colonial Engineer urged that the Government Rate be reduced. I objected on the ground that for many previous years the Government Rate had been far below the ordinary rate current in the Colony and yet the Natives were compelled to work for the Government at a rate far below what they could have obtained from private employers and that I did not consider it either fair or equitable to take advantage of the decrease of the general rate of wages to reduce the Government Rate. The Governor upheld my view at the time. A few months afterwards it having been necessary to reduce expenditure owing to the falling of Revenue the Colonial Engineer again raised the question of reducing the wages and I felt compelled, owing to the financial condition of the Colony to withdraw my objections to the proposed reduction, which was then carried out. This was in 1886.

The discovery of the Transvaal Gold Fields and the carrying on by the Government of Railway Extension Works created an enormous demand for labour, both in and out of the Colony, and the Natives in large numbers went to work at the Johannesburg Gold Fields and on the Railway

Extension, and this demand not only rapidly increased the rate of wages again, but was the cause of very great difficulty being experienced

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in obtaining labour to supply the demands of the Colonial Engineer's Department. In July 1888 the Colonial Engineer brought the insufficiency of the supply of labour for the Public Works under his charge to the Notice of the Government and I was called upon to report, I append a copy of the Memorandum I wrote:-

his question was under discussion until Sept 1889 when a Committee of the Executive Council was appointed to consider the matter and upon the recommendation of the Committee it was decided to raise the rate of wages from 10/- and 12/- per mensem to a general rate throughout the Colony of 12/6 per mensem, with the addition that Natives sent to work in ~~various~~ divisions other than those to which they belong, should receive at the expiration of their term of service, if such service has been satisfactory a certain bonus. This rate is now the rate upon which Natives are paid, and is equivalent to 15/4 in the Newcastle and Klip River Divisions where the ordinary rate is from 30/- to 35/- a month, while in all the other divisions the rate is 12/6 against an ordinary rate from 15/- to 20/-.

I think that the rate of wages in the Newcastle and Klip River divisions should be raised to 20 - a month and that the rate in all the other divisions should be 15/- a month.

I have no remarks to make upon Mr Chadwick's letter the written judgement given by me and concurred in by the Judge of the Native High Court, one of the Appellate Judges, shows what the Appellate Court upholds is the law and custom H Shepstone SNA Natal 20/12/90

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receive at the expiration of their term of service, if such service has  
been satisfactory a certain bonus. This rate is not the same upon  
all divisions are paid, and is equivalent to 12/4 in the lowest rate  
and 12/6 in divisions where the ordinary rate is 12/6 a month  
a month, while in all the other divisions the rate is 12/6 a month  
an ordinary rate from 12/4 to 12/6.

I think that the rate of wages in the lowest and 12/4 divisions  
should be raised to 12/6 a month and that the rate in all the other  
divisions should be 12/6 a month.

I have no remarks to make upon Mr. White's letter the written  
judgment given by me and contained in the case of the native  
tribes, one of the White Paper, shows what the White Paper  
holds is, the law and custom in the case of the native



385/89 palced with 1274/89

Mr Ballenden reports on 14/4/89 of the many idle beer drinking natives he has seen

/RMs are incensed at this interference of the Engineers dept. Aslo that crops have failed completely, and that nati es gather together to collect their hut tax. RM Ungeni James forder reports to SNA on 9/5/89 "...during my collection the greater number of of the men who attended to pay Hut-tax were in employ, and many had sent their money from the Gold Fields, Railway works &c by friends. It is well known that about the Hut tax collection time natives return to their kraals to make up and count the money for their huts - but these men are already in service and have to return to their work... I have to report that I feel satisfeid that the cheifs have had lately, and will have, great difficulty in complying with requeistions for labor\* for Raod works. I would point out that native's are earning 15/- and even 20/- per week at the Gold fields, that the Contractors in the Railways are giving 30/- per month, that prviate people in P.M.Burg & farmers in the country are offering 15/- & 20/- and cannot get sufficient labor; and it does not seem right that natives on the road parties should get only 12/- & 3/- for meat money." /As soon as it known men are requiried they rush off elsewhere. Cr ps ha ve railed and na rally they go to the best market/ "And it must ~~be remembered~~ born\* in mind that a certain number of men remain at home to protect the women, do necessary kraal work and put in

crops with ploughs - for ploughs are now in use to a great extent -  
thus leaving very few in the location available for Raod work."



SNA Minute papers 1888

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Robert Wagstaffe Wash Bank, Biggersberg Section, N.G.R. Extn 24/8/88 to SNA

"About three weeks or a month ago, about 20 Kaffirs came to work for me here on the railway. Previous to that I had eighteen Zulus in my employ, who when they heard of the disturbance breaking out in Zululand they all wanted to go home I managed to pacify them for a short time, by allowing five to go, and who were\* to report the state of things to the rest here, it appears there was nothin heard of these\* five for some time, and the remaining 13 refused to work any longer and ~~x~~ wanted to go home also, but on the day they got news from their place, brought by two Kaffirs, who asked me for work, these\* same two Kaffirs, informing me that the five Kaffirs were\* coming back bringing twenty more with them, these\* men brought passes signed by the Magistrate at Umsinga. I have a contract here that must be finished before the wet season sets in, or else stand over ~~x~~ untill\* the next dry season. In my anxiety\* to get men to work and in ignorance of the Law I allowed one of their number Gazan, to go back and try to get more, and for which I am quite willing to ~~any~~ pay all required fees for passes &c &c I now ~~ha~~ understnad that I require a Licence to do this, I wish" / to apply for Licence to pay at one shilling per working day /

Minute / Issue licence and inform Res Comm Eshowe and RM Msinga /

Henry Binns

722/88 Henry Binns to Sna 29/8/88 Leg Co paper

Wants licence to introduce 25 Natives from Nkandla district to work on his estate in Victoria Country, Granted



SNA I/1/110

1014/88

Minute CE Hime to SNA 14/11/88

"Considering the great difficulty you have in supplying my department with natives for employment on the Roads, I shall be glad to know why you have instructed the RM Alesandra Country to supply natives ~~the~~ to the Harbour Board.

SNA to CE 14/11/88

"I mentioned the matter to you at the time the application was made, if I mistake not, and you made no objection, and, before authorizing it, I submitted the application to HE who directed me to authorize the RM to supply them. As you ask ~~in~~ me this question I think I may retort by asking you why you asked ~~for~~ me for labour for the Railway extension works, for which I supplied 200 men from the /?/ the Umvoti & Umsinga Divisions, which ~~were~~ until now ~~have~~ have been most probably available for the roads had you not insisted on having them for the Railway."

CE to SNA 15/11/88 "I have no recollection of your having mentioned this matter to me at the time the application was made; if you had I think I should have raised some objection.

There is a great difference between the Railway Works, and the works under the Harbour Board - ; the former are under the entire

control of the Government: the latter are practically under the control of the Harbour Board alone, and therefore the Harbour Board should make its own arrangements for the supply of labour."

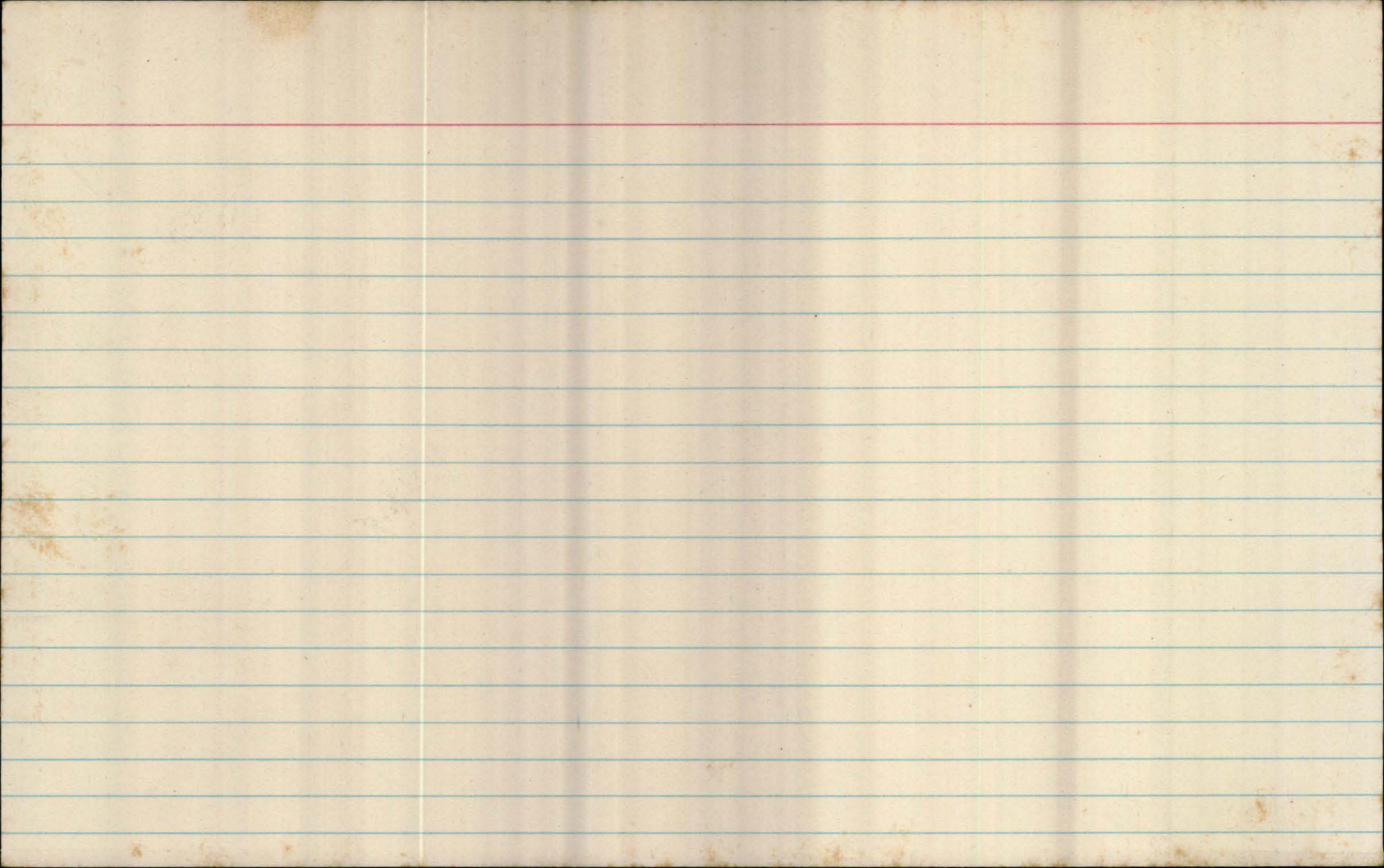


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Requisitos 8/12/88 Luis Ruiz for 23 men  
Munich New RMS trying to get men until 14/3/89



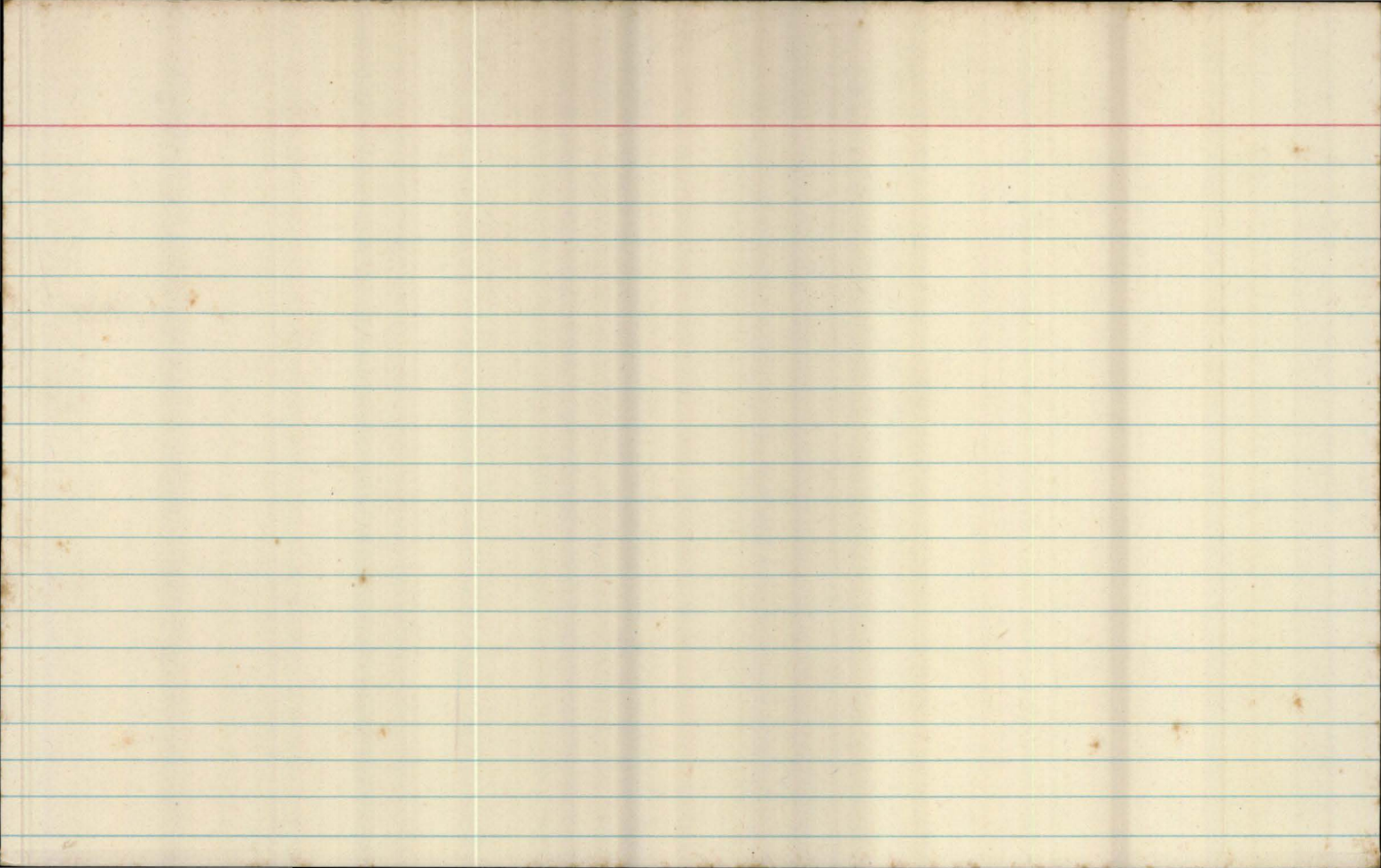


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Th. Peachey 20/12/88 30 from Zulu land on my  
Tea Estate 10/- per month





SNA I/1/112

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Minute CE to SNA 10/1/89 /76 for Klip River division

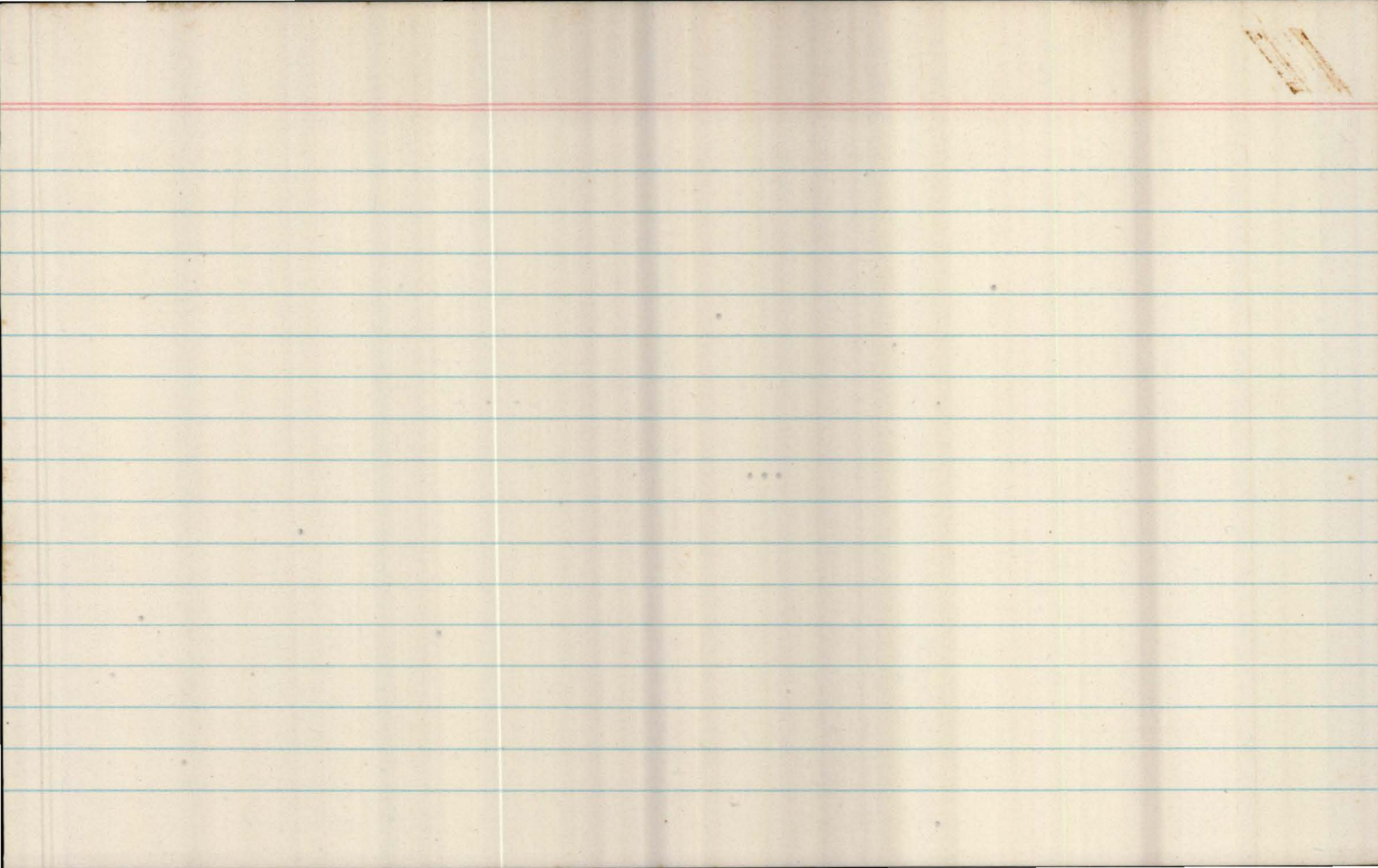
SNA to RM Klip River 8/2/89 /Reminder on above

A RM Klip River to SNA "So far I have only been able to secure seventeen natives. The Chiefs say they cannot procure them, such large numbers having left for the Fields. I take advantage of every opportunity of getting labour, any natives whom I can put upon the roads for punishment or such as break their agreements with farmers and can be obtained, being sent at once to the C.E.D." 11/2/89

SNA to CE 13/2/89 "I sent a requisition for the 30 men asked for for Klip River to the ...Mgts KR, Weened and Umsinga having stated their inability to supply them. There is also now an order for 22 men being supplied by Umvoti for Klip River also. /RM Klip River has only supplied 17 of the 76/ "The RM Upper Umkomazi now reports that he is unable to supply a requisition for 30 men sent to him on 8th Jan which I have just sent to the RM Ixopo to furnish. I have today received a further requisition from you for 50 men for Klip River which I regret to say that I do not see how I can supply."

/CE Lay before HE/

RM Richmond to SNA 22/2/89 /Most people live on private farms. High prices obtained on Railway and Gold fields make it difficult to obtain men. Have warned the chiefs I will punish them and sent police to demand labour/ /The Chiefs end up by getting it in the neck/





SNA/I/1/112

104/89

Minute Urgent SNA to RM Klip River 24/1/89 /Supply 30 natives to the CE for Public service. Report to Road Overseer./

King

Minutes ARM Klip River to SNA 25/1/89 "I regret to say it is impossible for me to furnish these men. I have already a requestion for 76 natives of which I have only been able to supply 8 and those by putting them on the roads as a punishment for creating a disturbance."

SNA to RM Weenen 25/1/89 "Please try to supply these men."

RM Weene to SNA 1/2/89 "I had a requisition from your Honour for the Emgeni /?/ only a few days ago 7 I am also being pressed for men for this country, I cannot supply half the Colony with labour for public roads. If the Govt ~~would~~ could pass a Law authorising the Magistrates in riot cases where no homicide has occurred to send the convicted men to work on the public roads for 3 to 6 months without pay, it would facilitate greatly the supply of labour to the roads whilst at the same time it would have a far more deterrent effect upon rioting than fining them. /Might be able to get some from the ANL Upper Tugela in about 2 months./

SNA to RM Msinga 4/2/89 x/ "Can you supply these men at once."

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RM Msinga to SNA 7/2/89 ~~XXXXXX~~ "I have now furnished 239 natives to the Raods since 1st August last - I have had to force the last lot out from their kraals, a wretched sample, most of them were, for Public works, by reason of the great numbers, all who can leave home, having gone to the Gold fields & Diamond fields - railway, & elsewehre to work - & food at their homes becoming scarce - so that I cannot find these required men, or I would turn them out."

SNA to CE 11/2/89 "I regret this, you will seethat I have done what I can. I have sent to Umvoti for the last requisition of 22 men on the 6th inst. I have now sent a requisition to the *Ipolela* /?/ for these men."

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CE to SNA Pressing 11/2/89 <sup>Sand</sup> /~~I have sent~~ these to HE/ "U ti is hardly necessary for me to aga n inform HE that it is quite impossible for me to keep the road of the Colony in repair without an adequate supply of native labour. / /I hafe laready written so many reports on the subject that it is useless for me, on this occasion, to reiterate the opinion s I have, on so many occasions expressed "

/Hav on 15/2/89 asks why Ipolela should not be equally effected and SNA replies on 17/2/89 that /"The demand for labour at the Gold Fields and on the Ra lway Works I think effects all parts of the Colony, and just now the pyment of Hut Tax necessariataes all the young men going out & they naturally go to the Highest market."



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Memo to Ce from Asst/?/ Col Engineer Barnes 11/2/89

"Don't you think that now, the time has come when we should look to the Grazing Lease lands in the North. The Mission Reserves, particularly along the coast and the unoccupied Farms generally but more especially those of the Natal Land and Coln Cmpy?

It is in such respects that the native labour system becomes unfair - Why should so large a proportion of the population be exempt? And there is no reason why the several properties above named should be - as ~~The Native labour system clearly needs attention.~~ "Duties first, pleasures after"

except that hitherto they have as far as possible been exempted.

The Native pass or license system clearly needs attention

"Duties first, pleasures after."

Minutes

RM

Jackson 6/3/89

"I have now the honour to report that thirty men have been registered in this office for road work in Klip River Dvsn.

In consequence of an order issued by the Chief Dhlamgame, to

to the effect that none of his people were to turn out for road work without his knowledge, those of his tribe that I ordered out, went very reluctantly. To prevent their straggling or deserting on the way I sent them in charge of a constable to the CE P MBm with a

request that they be forwarded by rail to Ladysmith. Man in charge of the tribe which supplied 10 of these men "represented that the py his men were to receive 12/- per mensem, was low and asked if there was no possibility of it being raised, both on account of the rise in wages generally, and the fact of the men having to work at a distance from their homes.

I think that if a higher rate of wage were offered, the supply of Native labour for the Public works could be more easily obtained in this Division. 6/3/89

SNA to CE 12/3/89 I thought it was 10/-

Barnes Acting CE to SNA 12/3/89 "Yes, There is a mistake as regards the wages, Klip River being 10/- not 12/-<sup>1</sup>. If there be any likelihood of trouble arising, because of wrong information being given to these men, I can only suggest, as a way out of it, that they be transferred next month to Lion's River.

Would not this be a suitable opportunity for you to direct the Res. Magistrate to notify to Chief Dlungane and other chiefs, that



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the 'Natives will not receive licenses to leave the Colony without the consent of their Chief.'

Relative to the order of Chief Dhlanguane, as regards Road party natives is it not customary to apply direct to their Chiefs for such labour.

As regards wages, I hold to the principle that the natives should realize, that they work for the Government as a duty and not for personal gain; The last batch from Ipoela raised the question of their age, but on my explaining to them in the foregoing terms, they went to work willingly."

1/1/111 SNF 146/89

CE - SNF 7/2/87

For 15 for Town Hill

RM "I see no hope of getting men for the roads, and  
Mgani able bodied men are going to the gold fields"

SNF a new 28/3/89



SNA

I/1/109

1274/89

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/A Major document on isibalo and wage differential in Natal./

~~Original document of 15/xx~~ Much of it photocopied

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Minutes start in 1886 and continue into 1888 and contain important information on changing wages, and the problems of the Railway

Minutes 76 pages photocopied

Report by SNA 20/12/90 Typed

Report by SNA

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Memorandum by SNA

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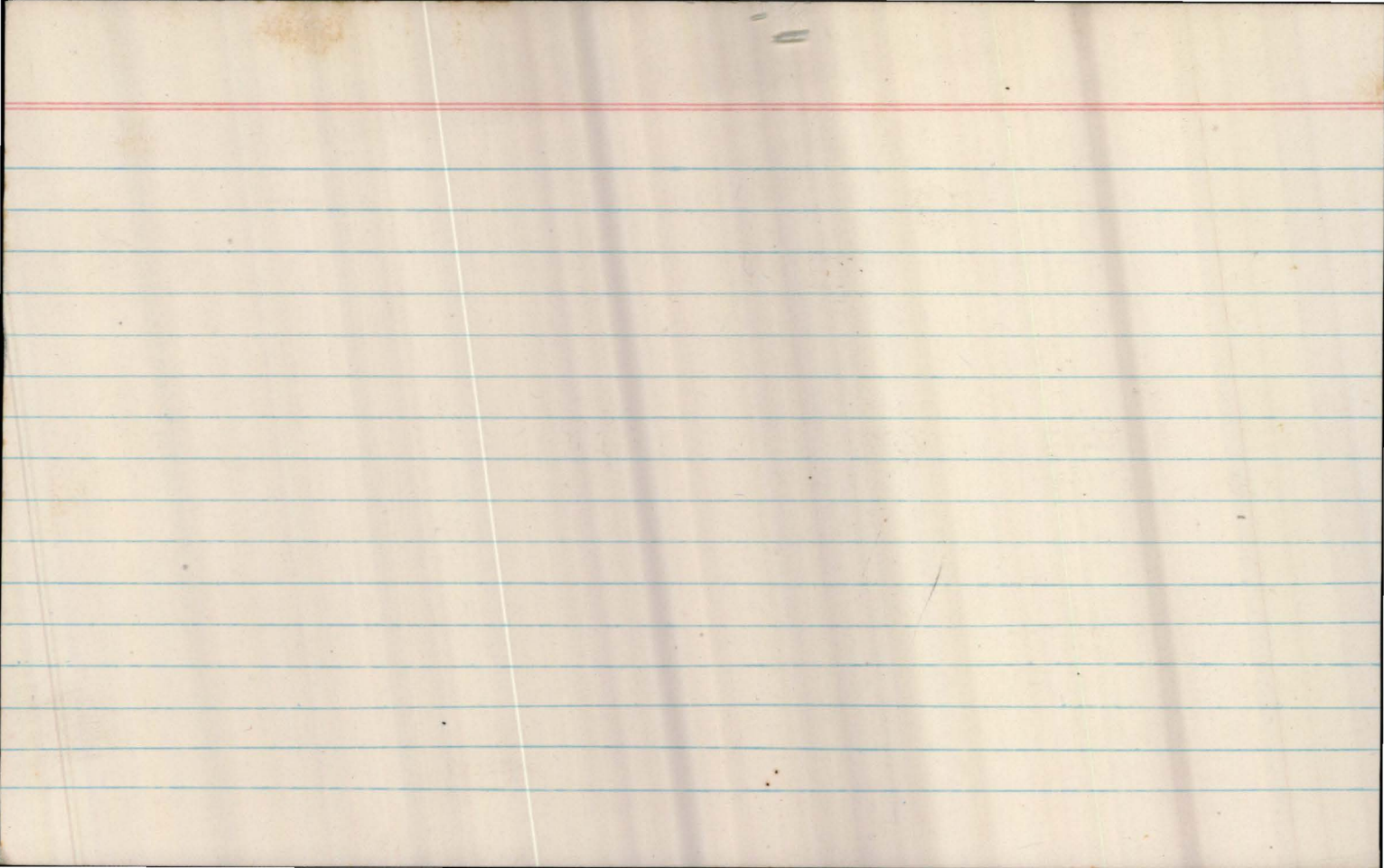
Native labour in connection with the Public Works of the Colony. Photocopied

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to me that the natives must evade their Chiefs, for if they are free to seek employment at the Gold Fields or other places there can be no obstruction to their serving the Govt."

26/2/89

SNA to HE - "Strictly speaking the Mgste has the power to make such natives as he go to work on the roads because the Sp. Chief has need of his services but it would be very hard as at the Fields the natives in question would get 10/- a week, while under the Govt. here they would only receive 10/- a month. The result would probably be that these men would abscond and go without passes.

/Hav deos nothing - just acks/

SNA to ARM Klip River 3/3/89 "I do not think that you should send Natives who apply for passes to ~~walk~~ work on the roads."

ARM Klip River to Act CE (King to Barnes) 5/3/89

"I should like you to see these papers in order that you may form some idea of the difficulty attendant upon providing native labor for your Dept, and the apparent disinclination on the part of the Govt to take steps to improve the existing state of affaris.

Act C E to SNA 6/3/89 "With regard to the Native Labour question and its bearing on my Department, matters are now becoming so serious that either something must be done in that respect, or I must relieve myself of the responsibility. As a preliminary step therefore, are there any suggestions you would

wish to make, or, would it not be well to request the favour of a joint interview with HE."

SNA to HE 10/3/89. "I have had a meeting with the A/cy C1 Engineer on this question and I think that the arrangements I propose & have already partly carried out will act beneficially. I think however that the rate of wages to be given in Klip River & Newcastle Divisions should at the very last be half the sum current in the ~~Divisions~~ these Divisions which is 30/- a month."

[All put up with 1274/89

191/89 Requisition for 40 for Twon Hill 23/2/89

Minutes RM Umgeni James Forder 28/3/89 "All the Chiefs report they are unable to get men and I think it is so, so may have left for the gold fields. however I have sent for men & will report later on.

Umgundane was asked for 16 men about 4 months ago and has only been able to raise 2 up to this time."

[Barnes does not believe that there is no labour in Umgundane kraals/

RM Umgeni Forder to SNA 6/4/89 "The chief assure me he cannot find men.

As to men supplied for other purposes or employments, I do not quite understand what is meant, the Chief has no power to interfere or prevent his men from entering into service either in or out of Natal, passes

are issued from this office every day to natives proceeding to the Gold Fields for work and I do not know of any power under the Law by which the Magistrate could refuse such a pass.... Is the CE aware that Chiefs are forbidden to call out any of their residing on private farms?"



SNA I/1/112

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ARM Stuart 21/2/89 to RM Klip River Colenso

"four of my boys of the farm Roosdaal have been to tell me ~~this~~ that they have been ordered out to work on the road party I wish to point out to you that these men live on my farm rent free and I have a written agreement that they must work for me 4 month out of the year these four men has just left work one month and will have to return to there work in five month

If You are to take the men they cannot fullfill there agreement with me I will therefore ask you to be good enough to let them men off ...."

Minutes ARM Klip River Geo King to SNA 22/2/89

/Submits Allan Stuart's letter/ "It will show, as one instance among many, the difficulties with which obtaining labor is met. In this case the natives being free for five months I have no option but to compel them to devote that time to the work which they have been ordered by their Chief to do, but it is manifestly hard upon ~~them~~ having only just completed their annual term of service for their master & landlord. The root of the trouble is in natives being forced to enter into such agreements in order to obtain land upon which to live and it seems to be that until properly defined locations are set apart for them the difficulty will continue to exist. There is a law in existence - art 2 -55 - which

provides for certain acts by an owner who allows natives to squat upon his land & place certain limitation upon their number but I understand this law has been made inoperative by the Govt. and a farmer may foster a hundred krrals upon his famr & secure all the labor which it is possible to obtain from natives. To my knowledge this is done to an enormous extent by large owners such as Walton & Tathan & the Land & Colonization Coy. The question of native labour is daily growing more serious. Appeals are constantly being made to me to render assistance to residents who are unable to obtain domestic servants & of course with the inability, which is chronic, to obtain the required amount of labor for the Govt. it is hopeless for me to attmpt to held the individual."

SNA to ARM Klip river 23/2/89

"Neither the Chief nor you have any right or power to call out natives to work on Public Works who reside upon private property except with the knowledge & consent of the owner of the property. This has been decided over & over again. You will have to let these men return home. Please retrun these papers for me to show HE."

ARM Klip River SNA 25/2/89 /"I have released the natives in accordance with your directions.

Will you kindly tell me whether there is any obejction to my putting on the roads, natives, who on their own behalf, & not being under any engagement or agreement, apply for passes to proceed beyond the boundaries of the Colony to work, such applciations are continuous and it appears



SMT 1/1/113

275/89

Wagstaffe to SMT recd 16/3/89 NGR Ext No 3 Dist Bani-She  
Ingagane.  
[ 300 from Zululand for railways.

307/89 AE Jackson 21/3/89 150 from Zululand to  
Johannesburg £2-3 per month

AE Jackson Auctioneer Agent Cowaynes.

342/89

CS Feltham 100 at £1 annum

373/89

G E Maltby 300 Railway

397/89

SW Thomas 18/4/87

598/87

J. & A Farquhar 200 Railways 17/4/87

(Stocks Purchase Plan 1913)

~~438/89 J. Goodman Levy 500 May 1887.~~

456/89 Egelma Bros Stagers 5/5/89 200 from Zulus to Witwatersburg

704/89 Tarham Dundee 4/7/89 100 from Zululand 4-6 mths  
30/- 35/- INGR for H.P.J. Lightfoot.

852/89 CT Stuart 100 for INGR 1/- a day for 6 mths



SNA 1/1/113

SNA 339/89

Statment by Chief Teteleku to RM Umgeni Divsn 1/4/89

"I have been called upon by the RM Umgeni Division to supply ten men for work on the 'roads' ....I have now come to report that I am unable to supply these men. I find they object working on the Roads because of the small amount of wages they get - and that when a call is made for men those who happen to be at home at once clear out & go to where they can get 20/- 25/- & even more a month - they get 40/- on the gold fields - 30/- on the Railway Extension - and a great deal more on the Diamond Fields."

Minutes /RM Umgeni agrees. SNA sends to CE and says there must be an increase in wages on Raods which won't solve the probelm but will lessen the grounds of complaining/

Barnes ACE to SNA 3/4/89

"Admitting the absence of proper authority under which chiefs labour, in such matters, with respect to the ordering of their tribes, yet it appears to me that 'Tetelku's statment betrays a considerable amount of disregard ~~aff~~ to the wishes of His Supreme Chief. If the excuse be valid then the evident cure for the difficulty of of "men clearing out" is the Proposal, which I think you have made in other papers, - viz that 'natives shall not be granted passes or Licenses to leave Natal unless with the knowledge of their respective chiefs' ....If our labour supply must depend on the facy of the natives then the system must at once be abandoned. If the system is just & right, then excuses are inadmissable."

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and 113A99

statement by Chief Tetsuo to the United States I have

I have been satisfied by the United States to supply

the men for work on the 'roads'.... I have now come to the fact that I

am unable to supply these men. I find they do not remain on the roads

because of the small amount of wages they get - and that there is

a little more for men who are to be at home at once after work

than for those who must stay 20 - 25 - 30 even some a month - 'long work'

40% - on the gold fields - 50 - on the railway extension - and a great

deal more on the Union Railway.

Wanted: A man and a dog. 30 horses to be and the transportation

in horses in water on roads which don't give the roadmen but will

be the same of course.

Because of the fact that 30/4/52

is still the same of other authority under which a line

is now, in our history, with respect to an extension of their rights

get it's purpose to me that the United States is a country of

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1/1/113 236/89

Memo Paterson CED to ACE (Barnes) 5/3/89

[Impossible for RMs to raise labour here.] Give to  
~~Paterson~~ "To show <sup>the</sup> necessity for greatly increased labour I  
give on the annexed memo" [Fig for waggon]

	Jan	Feb 1889
Von Reemers Pass	2250	2316
Sundays River Toll	1016	1345 (Feb 1888 312)
Dundee Rd Caffer	1000	1400

8/3/89 SIVA is trying to relieve situation by moving  
men from one old mine - up country.  
but on 26/3/89 Paterson is still complaining]

SNA 1/1/11R

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SNA to RM Weenen Minute 17/2/89.

ECE reports 13 natives supplied by Chief Nawacli for Road Service, Ladysmith Dis deserted joining for GRC fields. Tell Nawacli to replace deserters at once

RM [ ~~the~~ There are virtually no more ]

199/89 [ Tely from Ladysmith - very short of natives for roads ] 22/2/89

210/89 <sup>28-2-89</sup> Patterson CED Ladysmith [ 97 natives short ]

Minutes ACE to SNA (Barco to H Shop) 1/3/89 "While I regret having to trouble you, I must draw attention to the fact that native matters in respect to the scarcity of native labour are becoming serious. "If you have expended all the means at the disposal of your department" [ Shouldn't we try no subject to ACE ] 1/3/89



SNA I/1/1/89

2287/89

/At a meeting of the Exec Council on 24/4/89 Officer Cmdg Groops drew /  
"attention the injury suffered by the trade of the Colony in ~~se~~  
consequence of the bad state of the Road north of Newcastle, to which  
his notice had been directed during a recent visit to Johannesburg.\*

The Council expressed the opinion that every effort should be made  
by the Public Works Dept to improve that position of the road."

// Now things begin to move - ~~wages go up to 12/6~~ A.E.H. authorises  
increased expenditure by CE. wages go up to 12/6, they are given  
tents not huts, great coats, much confusing discussion about possibilities  
of contract labour. This a short summary. /

Minutes A.E.H. to Col Sec 29/4/89 "Please request the Col Engineer  
to make every effort to get this road into good repair. Tell him not  
to stint expenditure upon it."

SNA to Col Sec 5/5/89 "I am doing my best for him /C/ since the new  
arrangement I made for the supply of men for the want of Klip River  
& Newcastle, the acg Co. Engr during last month called upon me for  
279 men, 194 for Kip River & 85 for Newcastle. These men are not  
yet all supplied and he now expects me to call out another 60 men.

HE in his Minute evidently looks upon this as a special work as he  
directs the Col Engr not to stint expenditure. These men might be got  
from the Zulu Country if paid the same rate as labourers receive from  
private employees.

~~EE~~(xx Hime Ag Col Sec to HE 6/5/89

"As Ye is aware the question of giving additional pay to Natives from the Zulu Country or elsewhere was discussed ~~x~~ in the Executive Council, and it was stated by the CE that any such action would cause general discontent amongst the Natal Natives employed on the road parties throughout the rest of the Colony.

Hav <sup>Barnes</sup> asks about the contract system and the CE reports that contract system will raise difficulties and should only be introduced in a very limited way. A stone crusher (2) are on their way and they will do the labour of 2-300 natives and this will help. \_/

"It may ~~the~~ not therefore be necessary to have any recourse whatever to the contract system.

It is with pleasure that I state, that for some time past the labour for this Department has been coming in with all the regularity that could be expected, when consideration is given to the fact that the temptation for natives to leave the Colony has been so great, as also that the number of men requisitioned for, has been so much larger than usual. With a view to assisting in the continuance, and furtherance of this satisfactory state of things, and by reason of the several arguments the SNA has urged in favour of an increase of pay to the natives "I am prepared to bring it up to £ 12/6 with beef or 15/- without \_/



2287/89 continued

AEH to Col Sec 19/5/89 "The CE understands, I hope, that the Govt. ~~Service~~ desire no measure to be left untried, no stone to be left unturned, in order to improve the road between Newcastle & the Transvaal frontier. The CE has carte Blanche, and he is expected to improve the road

// Yes this is strange. After all Barnes bitching now that he has the money he says things aren't too bad\_//

Act C<sup>E</sup> Barnes To col Sec 30/5/89

"It will I think be apparent that my object with regard to native labour is to so improve their rations and housing, as to, if possible, remove the prejudice as to road-party work, which now exists throughout the Colony. I confidently believe that the desired effect will be much more surely attained by such means, than by any mere increase in wages. / /With a view of taking action on these lines I would therefore ask for authority.

1/6/89 Exec Council turns down increase in rations.\_/

/On 8/7/89 Barnes hesitates to increase wages unless the natives understand ~~it~~ that road work is a duty or it would appear a / "wekanes s and would consequently do more harm than good."

And to get the 1000, I think I understand, I hope, that the  
 Government, being in measure to be left without, no more to be  
 left without, in order to have the one between, every day  
 to the nearest frontier. The 1000 is given to the  
 expected to move the road

Yes this is strange. After all, I am not doing now that he has  
 the money to move things, isn't too bad

Let me try to get the 1000  
 With all I think he is doing, I think it is better to regard to me in  
 it to be no more to move the 1000, and to be, in some way,  
 remove the 1000, as to the 1000, which now exists, I think  
 the colony. I don't think I believe that the 1000 will be  
 much more easily attracted by such a thing, than by the 1000 in  
 wages. I think a view of things, of the 1000, I think  
 therefore, for the 1000, I think the 1000 is in the 1000, I think  
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On 2/10, I think, I think, to increase the 1000, I think  
 and to get the 1000, I think, I think, I think, I think, I think  
 and to get the 1000, I think, I think, I think, I think, I think



1/1/114

Forced labours - I'm going to shorten these from now on

357/89 CE-SNA Requisition 82 Newcastle NSW. 6/4/89

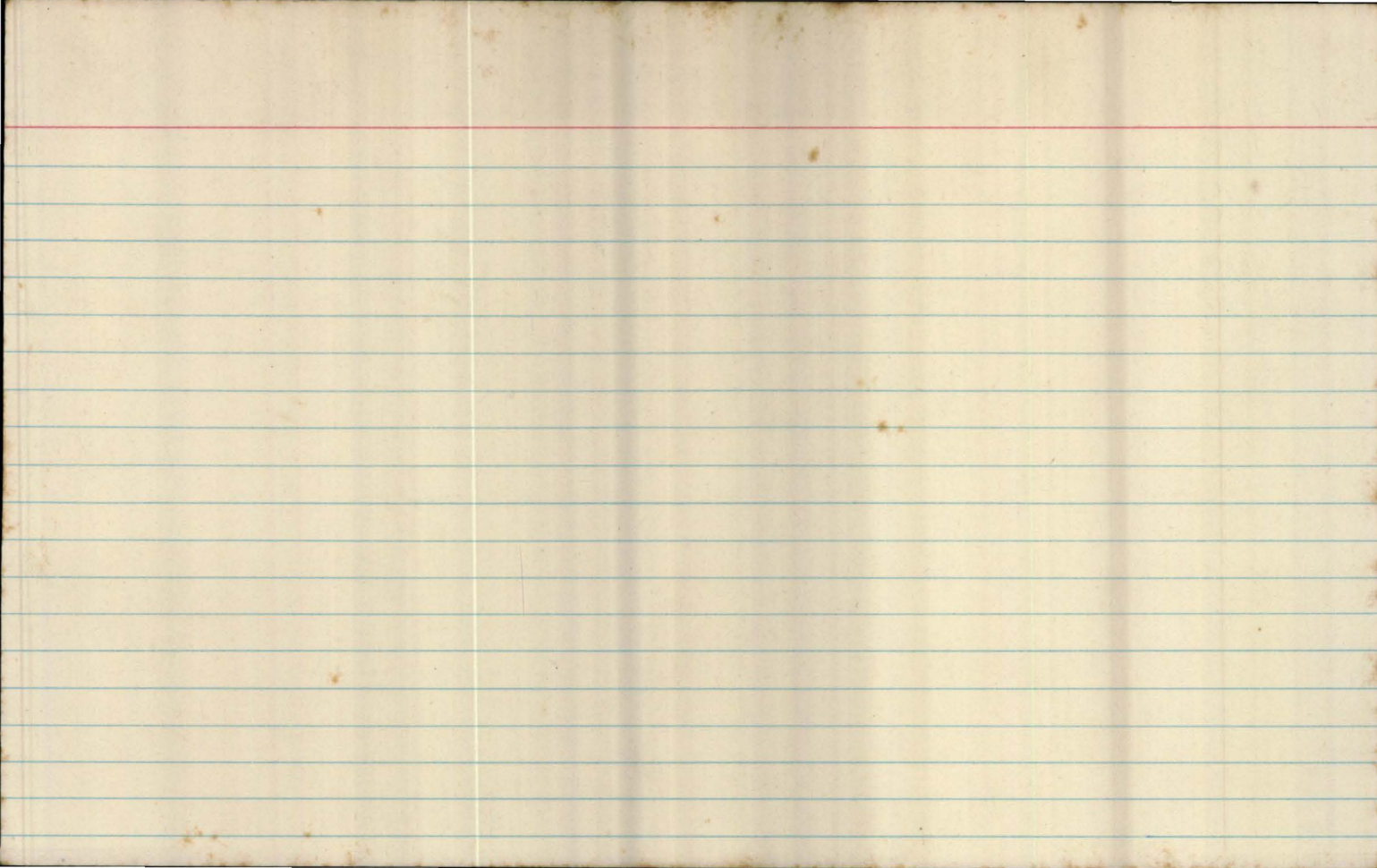
368/89 CE-SNA Requisition 105 Klip River 9/4/89  
Minutes RUMsinga to SNA 29/4/87 [cannot] "The Chief informs me they no sooner call upon men for road parties, than they free escaping to other parts of the country, for Diamond Fields where large numbers - nearly all young able-bodied men - have gone.

387/89 29 Klip River 16/4/89 presy

416/89 34 Mvoti County 26/4/89

1806/89 21 for Inchanga 4-7-89  
[No. of applicants seems to be decreasing]  
NB 17/12/89 Still not complete

701/89 6-7-89 26 Isipingo





SNA I/1/114

486/89

30 required to work on Umgeni Bridge works 13/5/89

Minutes RM Alensdra, Supply Reply Can't 20/5/89

Alex Gilson RM Mzinkulu Division 4/6/89 Lynn sent 13 but heard on 3/6/ "that they had all deserted. I sent for them and they all definatly refused to go, I had them before me and setnedced them to pay a fine of 5/- or 14days impt sith H. If they are allowed to persist in their refusal it will be impossible for me to obtain any labor for the Govt in the future....I beleive the Chief Umbotshwa is at the botrom of it."

// Atlercation then follows between SNA and Barnes and his overseer SNA say Bridge works uponpoalr because it is cold and wet and they should get 15/-. Engineer dept says ~~ix~~ they don't work in the water, they live in huts and pay shouldn't be increased and everytthing woul be easire if they get support from the RMs.\_/

538/89 Some of the men complain about the bridge work. Wages are too low 21/- a month, don't work in their own division, inadequate food





Related  
documents

4130/1889

RE 1941/89

SNAI/1/116

SNA 743/89

The a/c for sending Zulu labourers to the NGR is not here - only a Memo from RE to CS 19/7/89 Saying that two moregangs of 57 and 39 Zulu arrived yesterday.

SaundersRM Zululand to SNA 16/7/89 /a/c herewith settle asp  
/ "as I had to purchase the cattle from private individuals here and they wish to be paid as soon as convenient."

SNA to Col Sec

"I had no idea that the expsnese would be so heavy, but there was a large number of men. The expense comes to a little over 11/- a man.

I think that the charge for passes might have been omitted seeing that they were to work on the Govt ~~building for~~ Railway...

I should like to know the time that these natives take getting to Ladysmith as I am afraid having so many cattle with them to slaughter may have made the dilatory on the way."

For RE to Col Sec 18/7/79 /130 left Eshowe on 7 and four batches of 120 in total have arrived. Since heard that another 120 arrived this morning. This probably includes the 10 short and 24 that left on the 9/7  
The main body only left on 16 7

Hime to SNA thinks the no. of oxen is large - 1 to 10 bataves,  
SNZ to Res Comm They took ten days for the journey I think because

the lrg number of slaughter cattle with them 20/7/89

~~SNA~~ Res Comm M Osborn to SNA Henrique Shepstone 24/7/89

"Mr Saunders...who sent these labourers and made the arrangements for their journey up, is absent on duty, and I cannot now ascertain the number of days he provisioned them for; but as they took ten days and the consum;tipn is said to have been one head for every 10 men it equals one head to every 100 men per , which is not at all excessive."

SNA 778/89 Addition to SNA 25/7/89 R's day 1  
[forwards a/c for sending 83 to Ladyown  
to NGR] [a/c not used]

REF 2065



SNAI/1/117

SNA 790/89

/Fynn has arrested and fined Zulu moving back from service on NGR and a messenger who accompanied them. /

AJS to RC 27/7/79 "submit that the alleged treatment of the complainants and their companions by the RM Msinga is not such as ~~will~~ will induce natives of Zululand to seek for the employment on the NGR, and this I understand is not the wish of the Natal Government."

RC Zululand to SNA 30/7/89

"A large number of other natives who lately returned from the Railway works made complaints of a similar nature, but as I understood that the RM Umsinga was acting within the law I thought it best to take no steps. Is it not possible to modify the Natal pass regulations or to make some arrangement so as to allow native labourers who completed their term of service at the Railway works, to return to Zululand without taking out & paying for fresh pass: ie to allow them to retrain on the pass of the Res Engineer or other Railway official.

I would not trouble you about matter but for the fear that the chances of obtaining labour here in future for the Natal Govt will be very injuriously affected unless something can be done to remedy the practice whether sanctioned by law or not, which the natives concerned consider a hardship." 30/7/89

/Fynn says they had no passes of any kind. SNA orders the fines remitted

and suggests that ~~all~~ the pass fees for those going to work on NGR be not charged, and if they can show they have worked a contract on the NGR then they needn't pay on ~~xx~~ leaving <sup>N</sup>atal.

RC to RM Nkandla "Please let the natives know of the liberal arrangements respecting Pass fees ~~the~~ Natal Govt have extended to labourers going from here to work for the Govt in <sup>N</sup>atal." 19/9 89

Statement by Umbuzane under Siganada who went with three of his own tribe and two of Nonzama's <sup>1</sup>trive all of Nkdnal who went to work on the NGR for six months. They went with Mr Muihead and returned on their own.

The other is a messenger who escorted men to the Railways in <sup>L</sup>adysmtih

~~Retained.~~  
~~RE~~  
~~20/5/89~~



SNA 1/1/118  
936/89

1. Colubronder to SNA 11/9/89 New Guelescond

[ 500 from Zululond to Jodafie's Witwatersond.

£2. per adult per month. ] "The men will further  
be all provided with coats and will be escorted up,  
and when there, will be well housed, cared for and  
fed or rationed."

[ Minis Mitchell asks for procedure. We give  
the permit - then he applies to RC Zululond ]

MO to HE 16/9/89 "The applicant should produce to me  
the permit to introduce the labourers into Natal before he  
can recruit for them in Zululond"

SNA 1/1/120 1142/89 H Osborn H. Osborn Esbrowe 21 & 30/10/89  
200 from Zululond to NGR 30/- a month  
for six months

SNA 1/1/170 1154/89

26/10/89

A. H. Galloway 50 from Zululand for 25/- for men  
on three licenses because it would be  
difficult to recruit so many men from one district  
at the same time.

SNA 1/1/170 1191/89

Abdool Rymon - 6-11-89 20 men from Zululand.

Refused [RM says] "These Indians are too crafty in  
their dealings with natives to be defended upon...."

SNA 1/1/172 30/90

H KNOX R'sding 1/1/90 200 from B2 for NGA - 30/- a month



L

SNA I/1/121

1374/89

Minute Resident Engineer NGR to Col Sec 19/12/89

"The time of over 500 Natives on the Extension works expires next month. I am doing what I can by advertising and through Labour Agents to replace them, but, as you no doubt are aware, labour is scarce and difficult to procure at the wages we are paying. Would you kindly refer to the SNA and ask him if he is of opinion that we may hope to get any number from Zululand. Though only this number are leaving, owing to the advanced state of the rails we really require several more and it is therefore desirable that we should get all we can."

Minutes SNA to REs Comm 21/12/89

"Do you think that you could through your Magts do anything to assist this Govt in procuring the labour necessary to replace those leaving next month. If nothing can be done by the RMs do you think that it would be possible for the labour to be obtained by labour-agents. John Dunn obtained some a short time back and he says he would have been able to get many more had he not been restricted to his own District. Mr Osborn obtained some also. / /The Govt is particularly anxious that the labour gangs should not fall off in strength & it is therefore I trouble you."

RM to SNA 17/1/90 " I regret that it is not possible for the

R Ms ro do anything direct in obtaining the required labour  
ie to order out men, but I have requested them to give every facility  
& countenance to labour agensts collecting for the Natal Govt."



SNA 1/1/126

654/90.

2/6/90 69 for Kip Run

10/6/90 Complied with

28/7/90 SNA to RM Weenen - make up the 28.

29/7/90 Cont. 5-8-90 SNA You may A.

7-8-90 We need a "system" to supply labour. 9/10/90 Suggest <sup>one</sup>

RM. Weenen (Peter Paterson)  
[residence in locations] Filed

[Labour <sup>service</sup> a conductor

7/6/90 300p. NGR 30/- + blanket + under

1/1/27 RC. Samuelson July 1890 } This should be on  
788/90 400 at 30/- for 6 mths } recruitment card.

848/90 25 Lewis River - 14/7/90  
12/8/90 Barnes ACE to SNA 12/8/90 When?  
17/8/90 Boast RM. Can't do it for other divisions. }

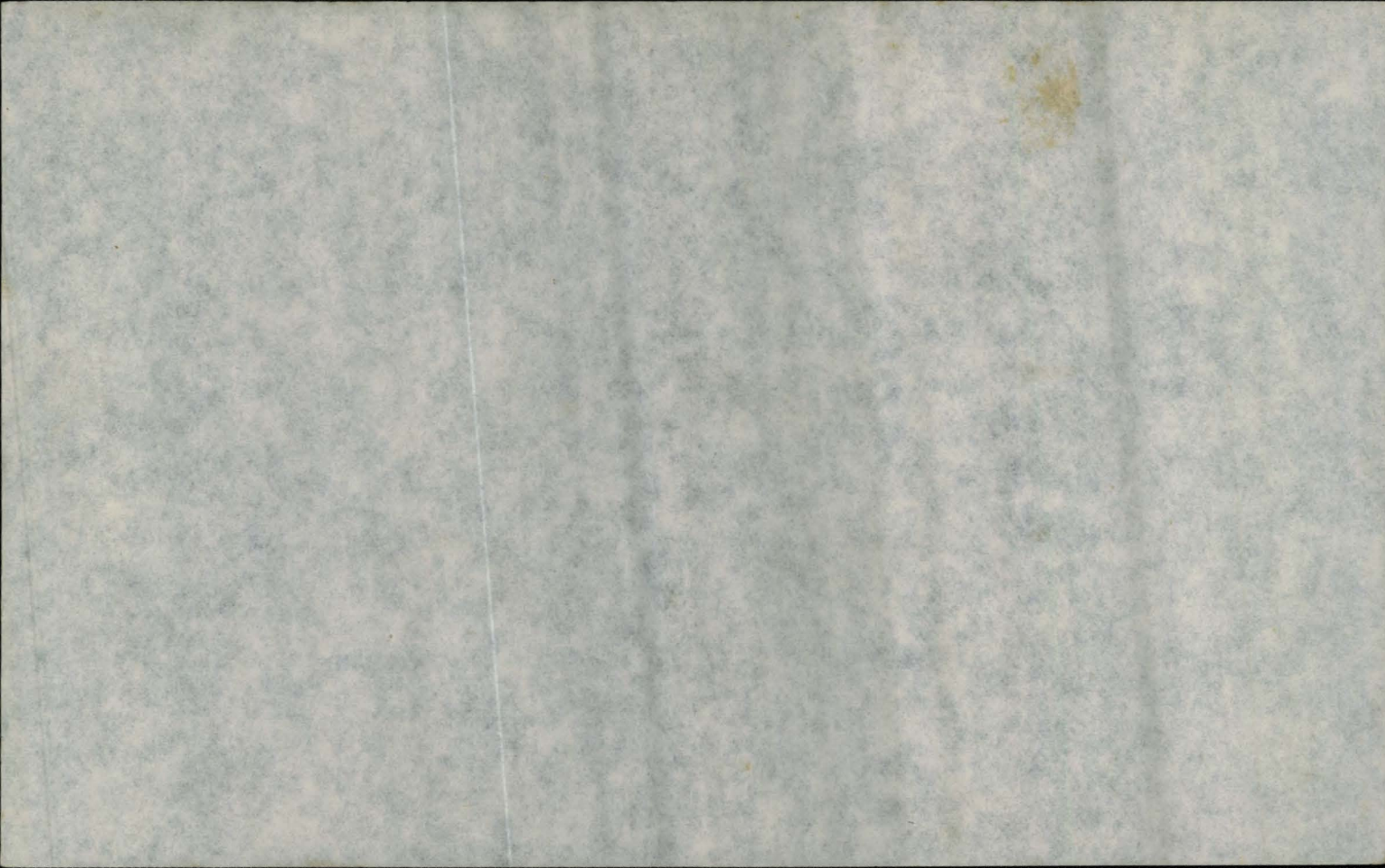


SNA 1/1/29.

Annual Report on the state of the Native population  
in the County of Weener 1889-90

"The impatience of control on the part of the  
younger natives their utter disregard of the injunctions  
of men elders and their increasing intelligence  
and ambition render it necessary in my opinion  
that the Government should keep a strict  
watch over them ruling them with a very  
firm hand, whilst endeavouring to develop  
their intelligence within proper limits"

Peter Paterson R.M.



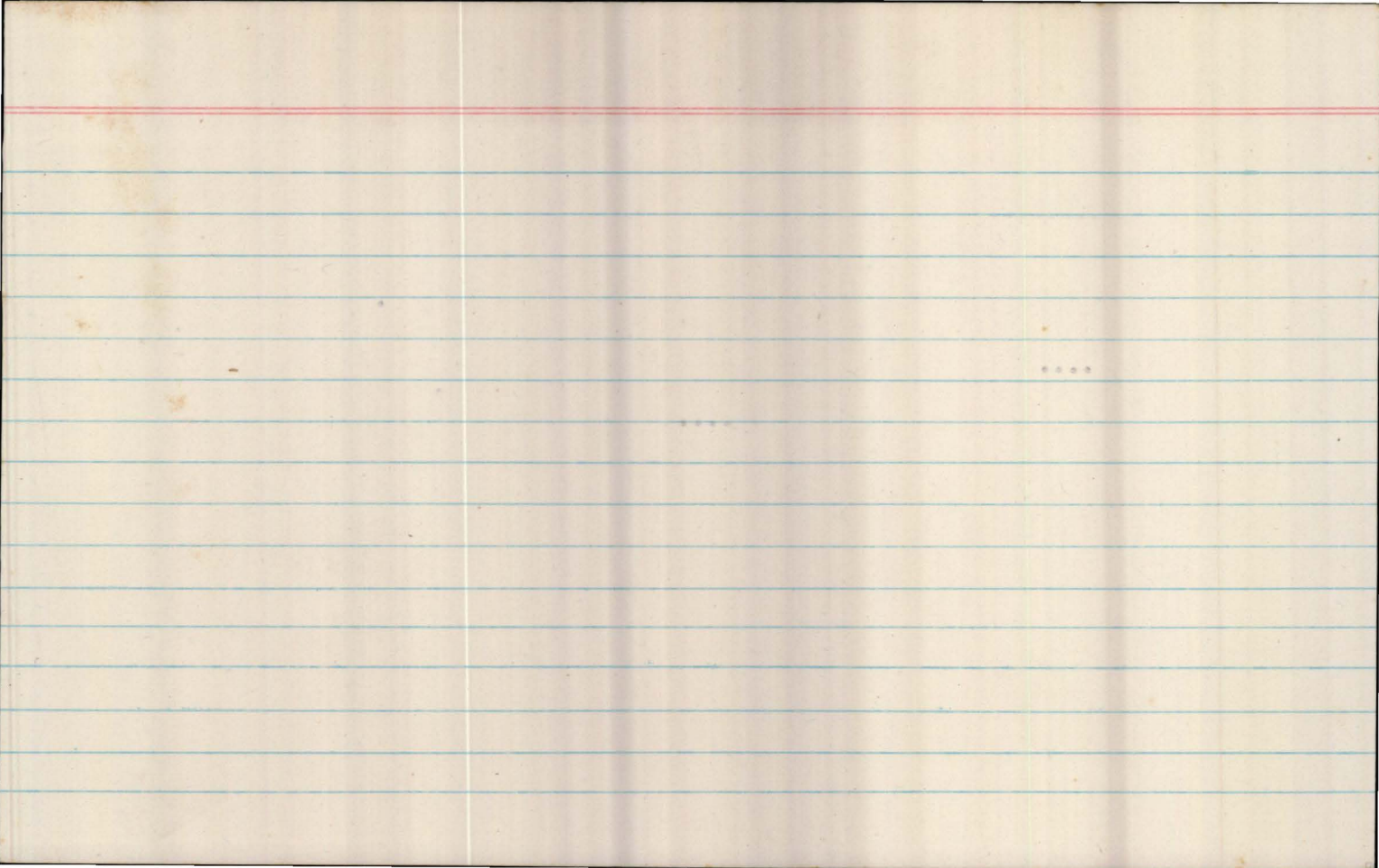


SNAI/L/118

905/89

Minutex      ARM Gordon    Lower Tugela to SNA    1/9/89

"I have the honor most respectfully to bring to your notice the large increase in the work connected with the pass law - especially since peace has again been proclaimed in Zululand." /all my work is taken ~~up~~ up in it and I can't do my judicial and other duties. ....This being a Border Administrotorship & a very large one - natives are always coming & going to Zululand, and the pass syst~~m~~ is always on the increase....





SNA 1/1/119

1031/89

Requisition 39 Baynes Bridge 26/9/89 McAuger

RM ~~this~~ RM Ungeri (Foster) his Ungundone but he is away & his people scattered & worry for whals.

Barnes on 26/11 says a lot next year will be supplied early & sheep will have to comply ]

On 31/10/89 Re party gets 24 & 1 is Hurley's semount & is ] "let go".

George Geddie FW 31/10/89 "The unfulfillment of requisitions for men is very annoying it upsets all calculations of, and distribution of labour. I need not remind you that this Bridge has suffered much from the above."

1056/89 20 for Durban & Unga party 3/10/89  
17/12/89 [Only 11 received]

SNA 1/1/118

915/89

Requisition 30 for Klip River 4/9/89

Minutes /SNA calls on RM Weenen but it is not complete by November and is asked again on 18/11/89\_

Bennett ARM Weenen 19/11/89 "I have used every endeavour to get these men, but havenot yet succeeded. I have now stopped the issuing of passes to natives proceeding to the Gold fields until your requeistions are satified.

The exodous to the fields is becoming a very serious matter, not only, as regards the labor\* question, in the Colony, but for the well being of the native population generally. They all contract intemperate habits, & return unfitted for the station in life they ought to fill, as natives of this Colony , & many become so wedded to their debauchedlife that they have not returned & never will, while their wives & families are left to get on the best way they can. Their leaving the Colony I think should be discouraged, & a limite fixed to the time they can stay away."

B rnes Act Col Eng 22/11/89 Throughout agrees and wantsthe papers fôrwarded to HE. Shepstone H sends them up but says the suggestions are impracticable. They get to the Exec Council on 9/12/89\_



SNAI/1/120

SNA 1140/89

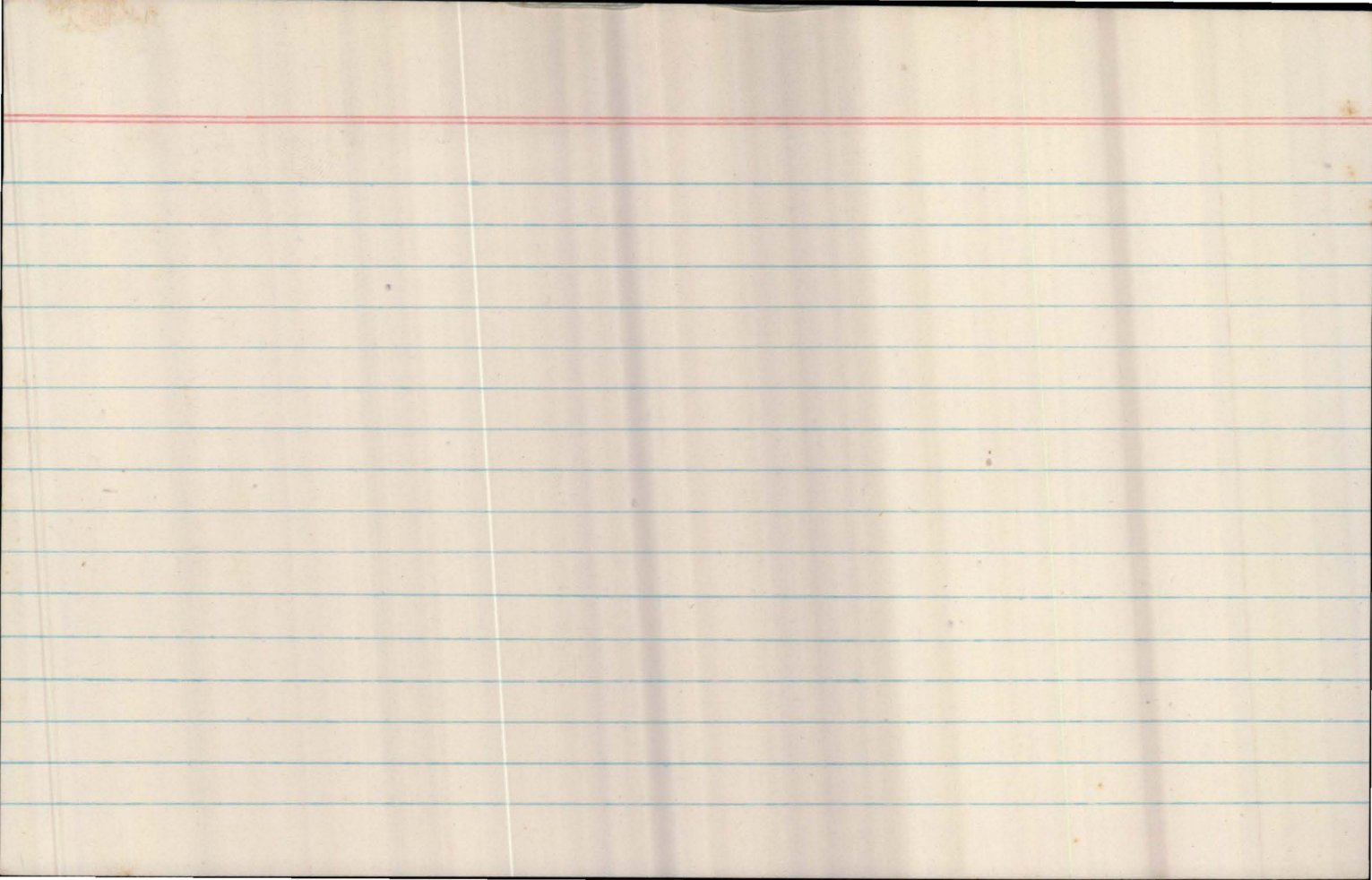
Minutes Mitchell to Osborn 24/10/89

"Can anything be done in the direction suggested by Mr. Beaumont to relieve the congested conditions of this location.?"

Osborn to Mitchell 28/10/89

"There is certainly no room for Natal natives in the District which formerly constituted the Reserve. It is probable that room will be found in the other Districts, after the different tribes now there, have had their locations duly defined; which, it is likely will be done early next winter, and about which I will in due time submit certain proposals for YE's consideration.

This question of occupation, could not be dealt with hitherto, on account of the disturbances; not can anything be done about it during the present season, while the people have to cultivate their crops."





SNA I/1/120

1152/89

Robert Patterson CEM to CE Ladysmith 25/10/89

"The drought has broekn up and we may expect traffic on the Free State Raod within a fortnight. I beg to suggest that three of four parties of one overseer and from 25 to 30 natives with their ~~hacks and~~ thents and tools, be sent to me at once by rail from tie r districts, and that they should repair the drifts and bad places on the Free State Ro d before the 6th of Nomveber on which day the delgates of the

Orange Free State, whose are to be the guests of Natal are expected to arrive. In veiw of the traffic, that there is likely to be on the road these repairs are very necessary. The Jubilee Coach passengers passed the night before last on the veldt. This was chiefly owing to the bad condition and poor feeding of the horses, but in the event of much rain falling before the 6th of November it is possible that a similar fate may befall some of the Free State visitors"

As above 21/10/89 /<sup>11</sup> heavy traffic expected soon on the Harrismith road  
"By the end of the present month I shall have 170 natives only on my nominal roll. Not a single native has been supplied this month. By the end of Nomvember I lose 78 men more reducing my numbers to 92 or 258 below my proper strength. You will see that it is quite impossible to spare any men for other roads. I have been all the past year below my proper strength and have continued drawing attention to this fact every month."

Circular Minte SNA to RMs 15/11/89

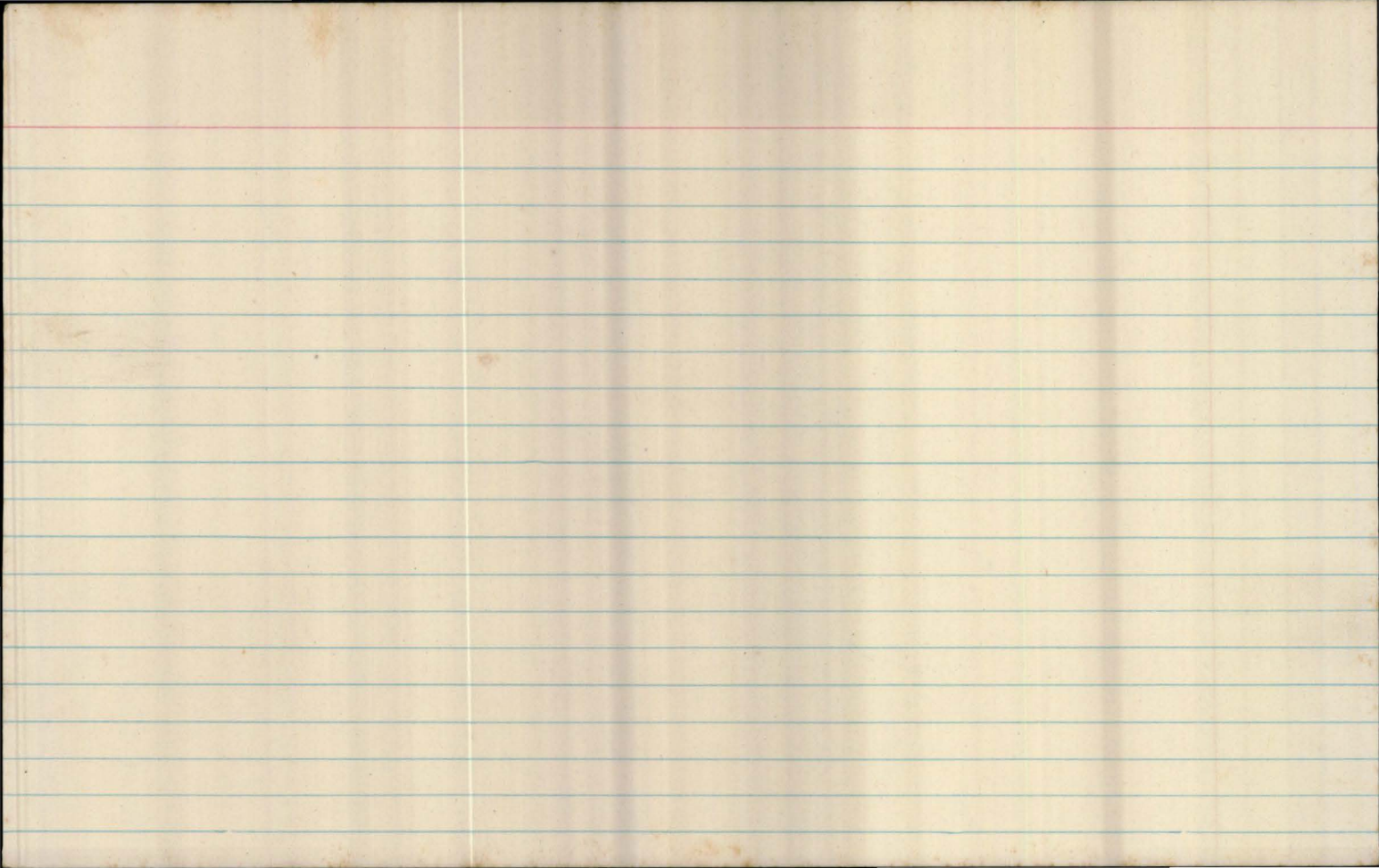
/Decided that wages for called natives should be 12/6 a month with usual mealie meal and meat rations. In cases of natives called out to serve in Divisions other than their own a bonus will be paid. In Klip River and Newcastle it will be 3/4d a month provided their work has been satisfactory. Indanda and L Tggela <sup>division</sup> natives work in Umvoti Countril will get 2/- a month



SMA 1/1/70

1106/87

Request 14/10/89 20 for Town Hill Road party  
Filled 10/1/90





SNA 1/1/12  
SNA 1260/89

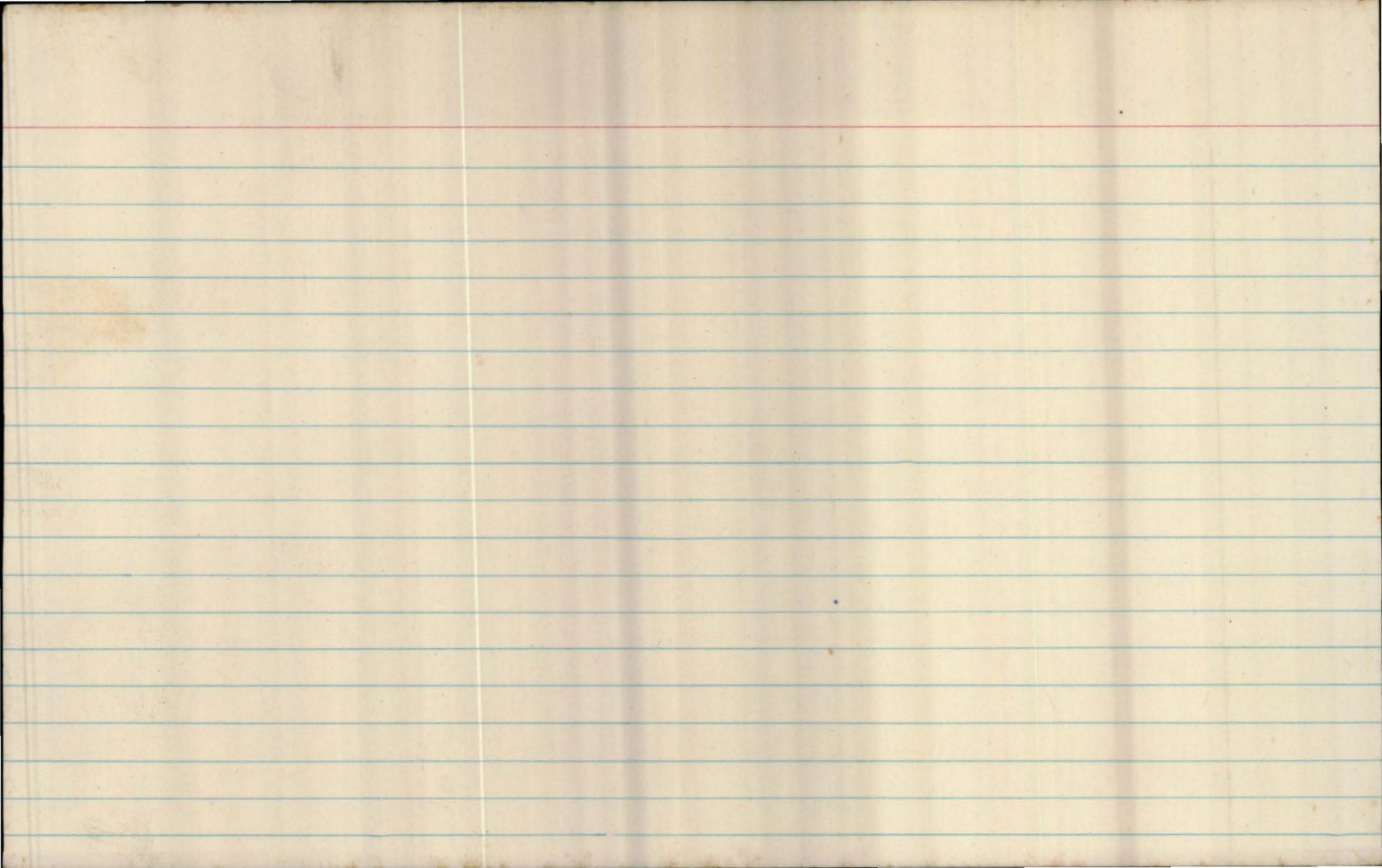
AH Bisset to SNA 18-11-89 Lun M21nkhulu

[Area being denuded of labourers  
chiefly for work on NGR. at ways  
prohibitive to former.

We will be turned. We trained men  
and they are being enticed away  
Recruiters / bala nath pay the chief  
10/- a head. The men are paid 15/- a day  
and the recruits get £2-£2/10.

[There's just been in 1/1/120 a smaller letter  
from a sugar planter

Mumukshu sort out interference.

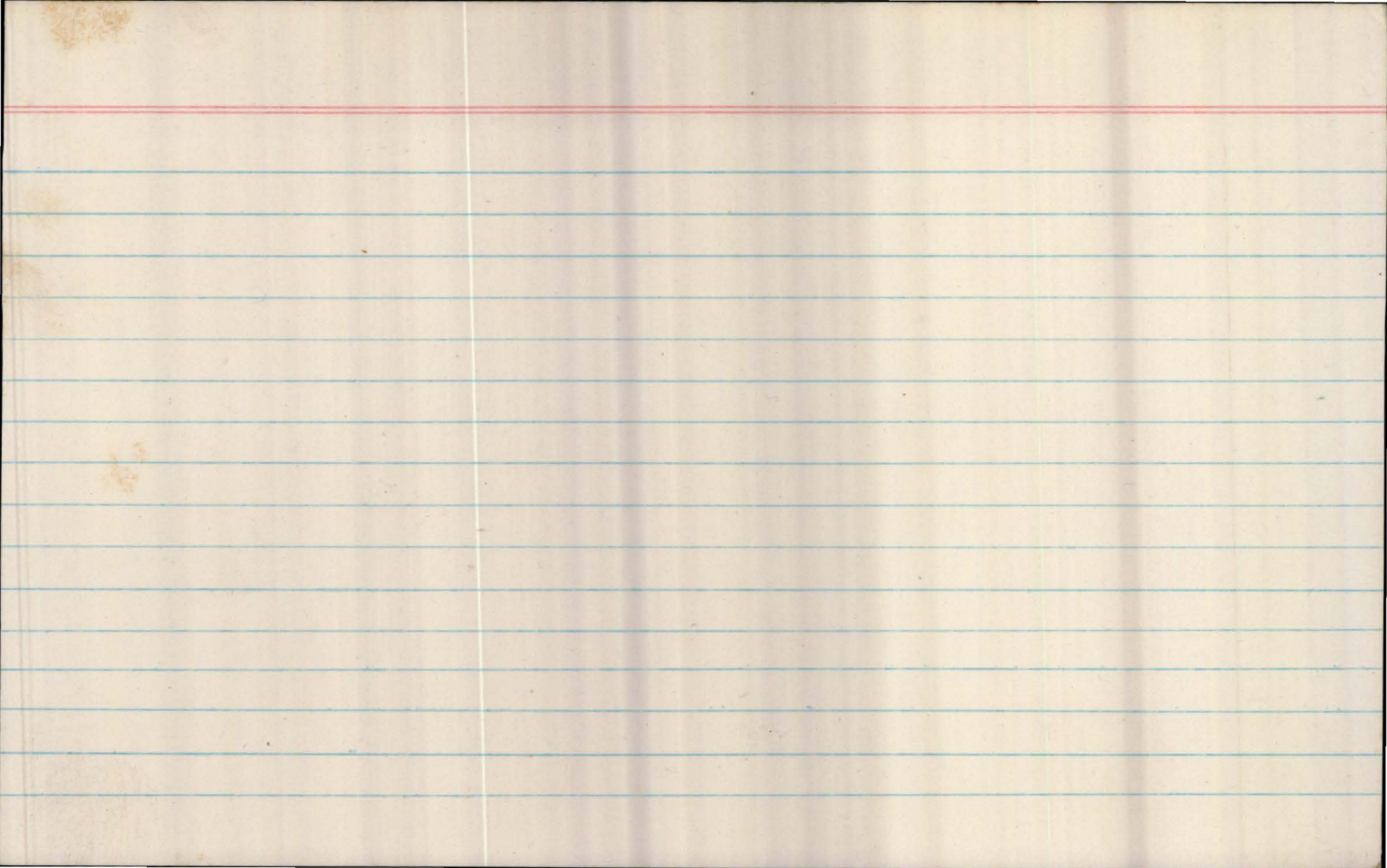




1/1/121

[Investigation by SNA into scarcity of  
food + possible starvation in Natal. end  
of 1889-1890]

General agreement that alleviated by  
money being brought in by  
Johnny workers + Kromer trades etc  
[But note a Natal & Zululand drought]





SNA 1/1/22

35/90 Request 35 for Klip River 8/1/90

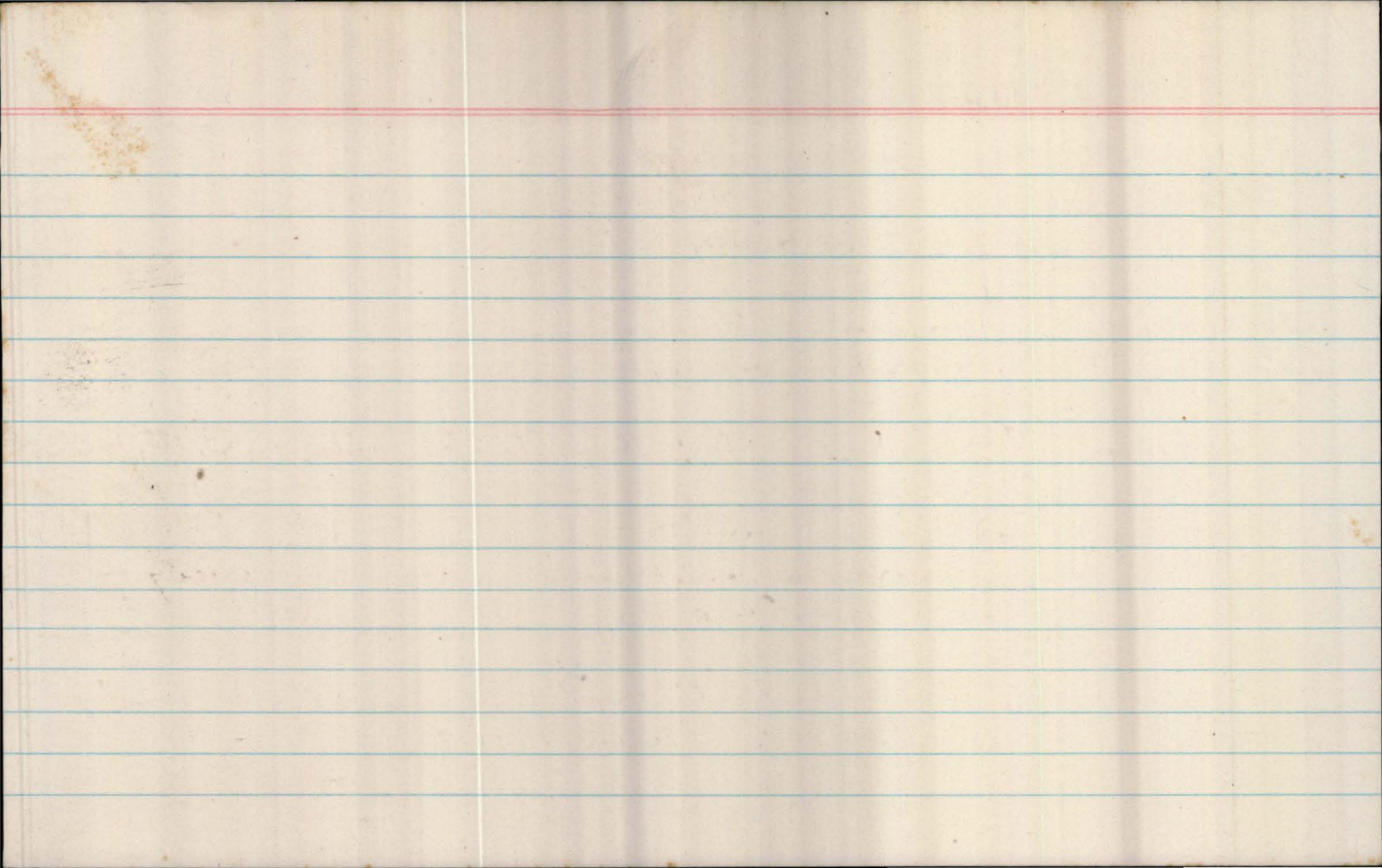
Completed within 29/1/90

55/90 Request 15 for Alfred County  
28/1/90 Completed work

57/90 RM Umkazi 13-1-90 Chief fairly to supply labour

81/90 43 Natives from Lower Mzimba turn back  
at Mzimba - end up working anyway -  
as promises who pay

82/90 RM Alfred County 13-1-90 definitely  
in fairly labour out





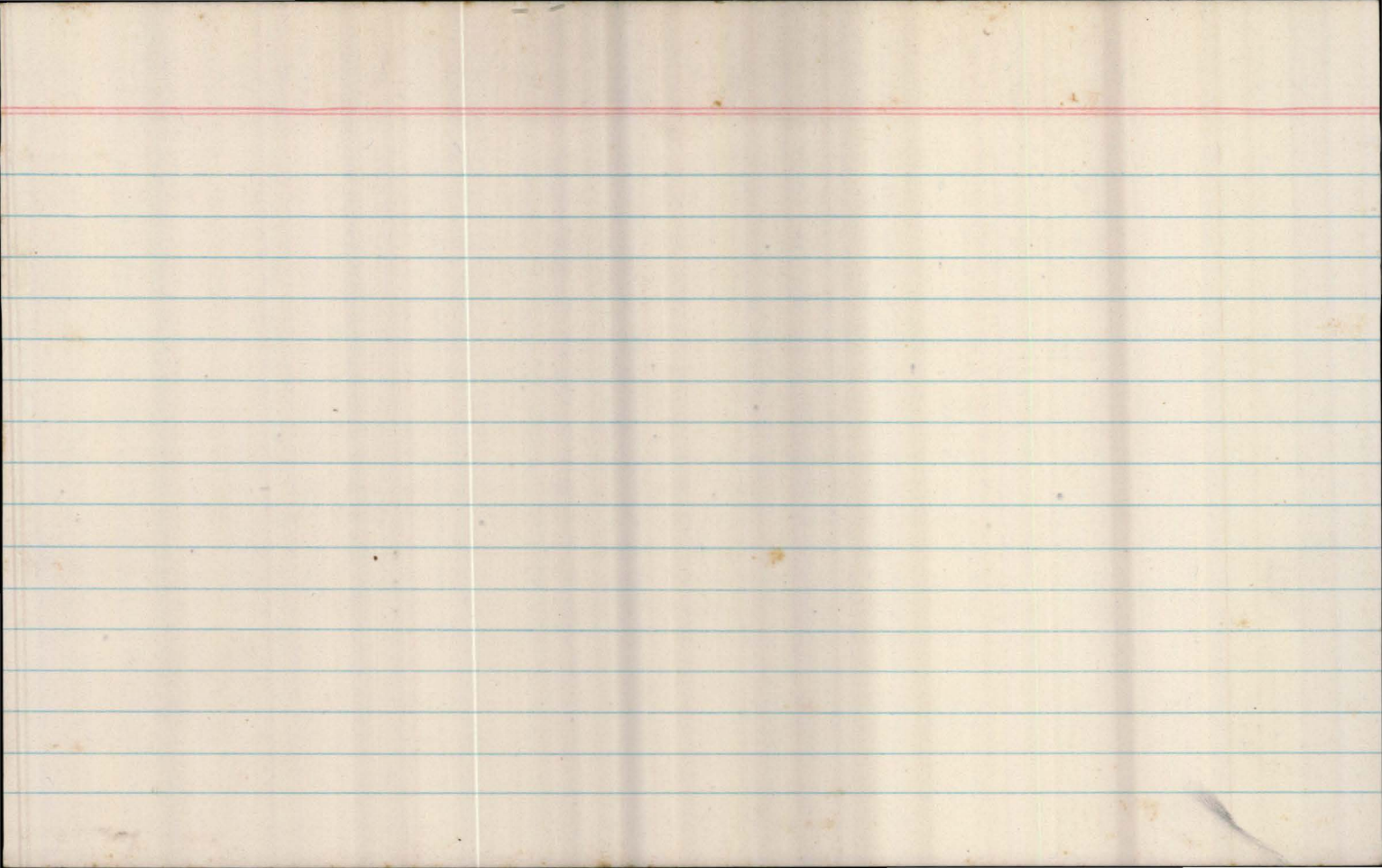
SNA 1/1/123

262/90

In 1886 a man is fined for not paying the hut tax but he says he cannot because he is destitute. Debate in the minutes about the justice of this, Fynn's minute is interesting because it is perhpas a contrast to the situation a few years later\_/\_

Minutes Fynn to SNA 15/7/86 "It would be indeed harsh to imprison a native for 'Contempt of Court' on failing to pay his hut tax, if he had no means to pay with.

Mondy has been scarce this year, the natives have felt it, & ~~many~~ many had to sell their cattle & at low prices, to get money to pay Hut (& dog) tax. This all goes to show, that to increase the Hut tax - a direct tax, as it is, would be very hard on the natives. But they must pay the tax, & learnt to go out to service sooner than they do, to get money. learn to be more industrious; But if they will be ilde, & not earn money to pay even their raxes, and so evade paying Hut Tax, they should be punished by fine & in default Imprisonment & still of course pay their hut tax.





SNA 1/1/124

AM from 21/ord

5.4.90 Dunbar

R.J.S. ~~Edm~~ Edmonstone 100 from 21/ord for NGR at 35/- per month + ration

Railway Contr. O.F.S.  
Geo. Strie, 21/4/90

502/90 W. Ritchie 26/4/90 100 from Dunbar Agent for Messrs Waggstaffe & Thomas  
Contractors Larny Neth Tunnel 6 mths at £2 a week + ration

544/90 11/1/825 Porritt & Mahy Ladhysmith 3-5-90 300 30/- + Amagubel next to Tunnel NGR

561/90 A.J. Armar 200 30/- + 12/5/90

603/90 G. Ky. May 150 @ 30/- +

649/90 11/1/126 Tamm & Co 20 June 25-30/- for 6 mths

664/90 H. Osborn 3/6/90 300 @ 30/- per calendar month + for 6 mths.

CH(Z)

13-6-90

1/1/176 Wagsstaff & Thomas Contractors L'Neh Tunnel 80 100  
from Dunn, at £2+ for 6 wks.

699/90 J Livingston for 14-6-90 Dundee Coal Company 50 from Dunn @ 30-40/-  
for 6 wks for from start of work. [Is this a first time?]  
"No doubt you are aware that my Company has  
been having considerable difficulty in regard to  
scarcity of labour. I have managed to get fifty wks  
from Dullinval .. .

703/90 Mahy Bros. Ladyburn 13-6-90 200 Newcastle Ex  
30/- + for 6 wks

875/88 D. Roberts 250 for 6 wks at 1/- per working day



Road Portydeans

1/1/24

429/90

[There have been two century]

1/1/175 1574/90 Typhoid Ladyson on NGR Alfred County man  
Suffered overseas he given thermometer to set of water is  
seriously ill

603/90 E. King 28/5/90 NGR 30/- + 150





SNA

1/1/75

A huge file containing RM's replies on a Confidential Circular letter on the work of the Sibato.

Reply by RM Weened Colenbrander 16/8/94

/L. The system should not be abolished. Young men regard the system in an obnoxious light. They prefer seeking employment at the Cold Fields, where, unfortunately, they contract diseases & learn bad habits.

....Young men, owing to their love for attending every beer drink or gathering, their dislike to manual labour and their readiness to squander money over hopeless lawsuits, are gradually becoming more reckless as to the future. An addition to the present hut tax will have the effect of further burdening heads of kraals, who are law abiding and have now almost lost all control over both sons and daughters. "I

Reply by RM Beaumont Indanda Division confidential 20/8/94

"1 The system of calling out natives for service on public works cannot be regarded as other than a system of enforced labour inasmuch as the men are called out against their wills and are not always paid the full current rate of wages.

2. This system naturally strikes one, at first sight, as being wrong in principle as it is in conflict with the principle of the freedom of the subject which underlies all forms of civilized governments.

2.. But it must be borne in mind that the native has not yet reached that stage of development which permits of his government according to the principles which hold in civilized communities. He still requires a more parental and restrictive form of government.

4. There can be no doubt that the natives themselves do not regard the system in the nature of a return to the Government for any benefits received by them, but rather as the exercise of a lawful prerogative of the Government, and as constitutionally inherent in the power of the paramount authority. 5. The system is, therefore, the lawful exercise of an arbitrary power, and, if it be exercised justly, cannot fail to be of great value not only in maintaining the prestige of the Government in the eyes of the natives, but also in benefitting the natives themselves, and for this reason:-

6. The ~~xx~~ system, in practice, is applied only to the younger natives - that is to those who are called 'young men', or izinsizwa'. Now these young men have become habituated in early life, by their system of cattle herding, to a life of idleness, and this tendency is accentuated by the traditional custom amongst them which it infradig that the men should perform ordinary manual labour. When not compelled to work they simply idle away their time at their kraals doing nothing; and it is only under strong compulsion that they can be made to learn the necessity for labour.



7. It is quite clear that without work there can be no progress. If, therefore, we aim at the advancement of the natives in the scale of civilization we must, of necessity, teach them to ~~work~~ labour; and this power of calling them out to work under a system which they themselves regard as legitimate is a most valuable power in the hands of the Government towards the attainment of this object.

8. As an instance of the exercise of this power amongst the natives themselves, with the object of bettering the material status of the tribe I may mention that the Chief John Dunn, who rules over a large native population in the Zulu country, compels the young men of his tribe to go out to service under private employers."

/But there difficulties./"The authority of chiefs and elders has ~~declined~~ declined, the independence of the young men has increased, and there is a certain amount of rising fiction; but I believe these matters of detail might easily be adjusted by some general regulations." Won't help to increase the hut tax because the head of kraals responsible for its payment / "and great difficulty in getting these 'young men' to contribute their fair share to the amount required as hut tax....There is nothing more common than the complaining of the older men that the young men now-a-days spend all their earnings and do nothing for the good of their kraals.





J. Agnew 21/11/88.  
PMB

150 Beyond Uctall's border.

Walter Shep Rose

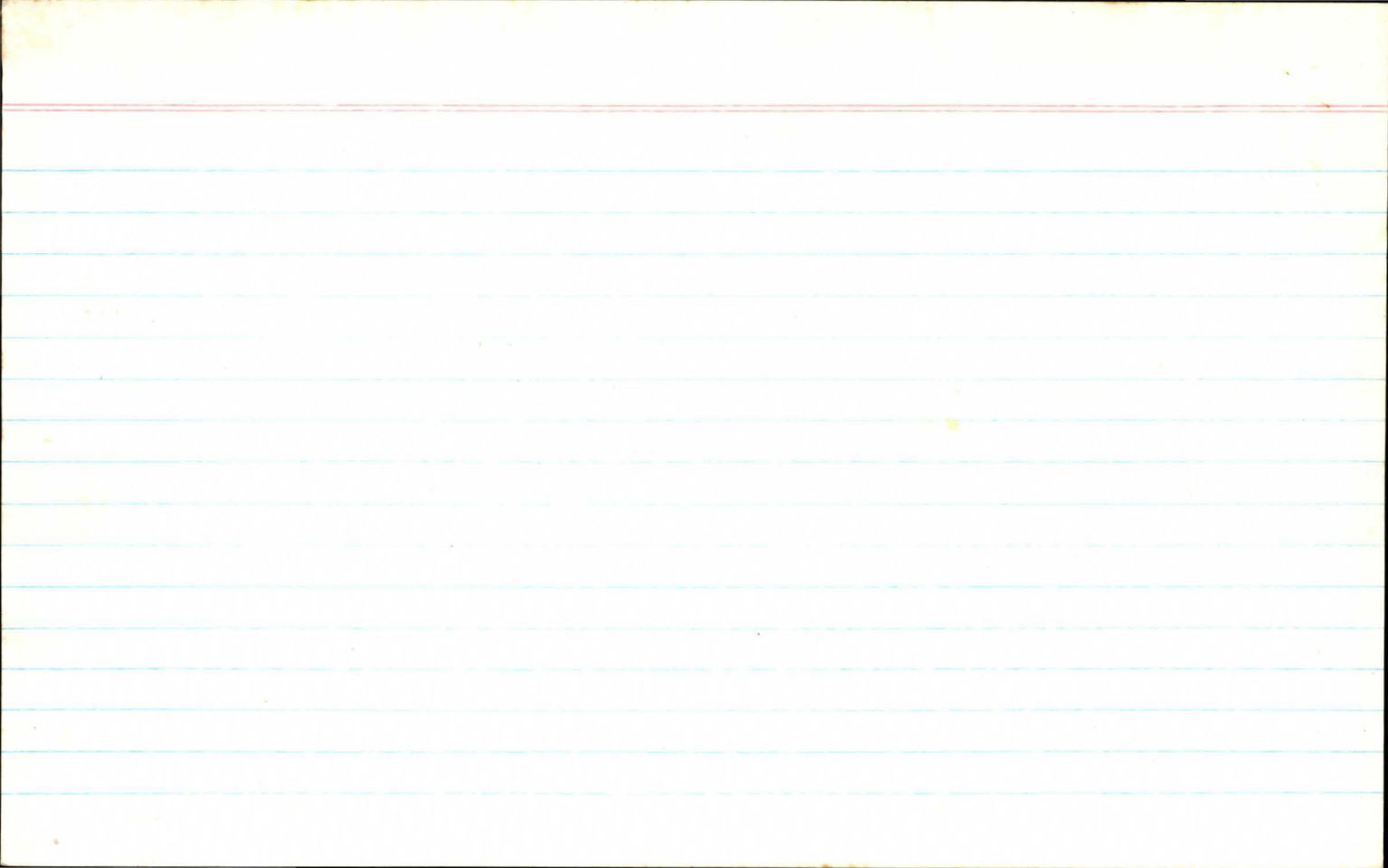
Nkondla 17/11/88. "My dear Henrique, I find that license you sent me here is only for 200 men, I am taking in a lot more men. I will make over that number to please send me another license for 200 or 300 more by return. post if possible. . . . [I am coming back to PMB] ... but send my license to Arthur. Arthur arrested 4 of Dimuzulu's men who were down at Cetywayo's grave the day before yesterday. They had orders to kill a beast there & then follow Dimuzulu to P.M. Burg, who I suppose is now staying at Janet House."

SNA 1/1/110

[ These applications for licenses are of marginal importance.  
It doesn't say if they are obtained - intend to  
summarise them,

APPLICANT	LABOURERS FROM	TO	NO	Wages
23/10/88 B D. Pope Contractor with NGR	Zululandi	— Biggishay extra.	150-200	25/- for with more 1/- a day - not less than 6mth not p/ly 12mth
22/10/88 T.G. Cosenbronders New Suedbranda	Zululandi	Natal	60	20-25/- a week
23/10/88 Wm Stone Verulam	..	..	NGR 200	holders 25-35/- per "according to strength" 12m 5/- per - 15/- per week





SNA

I/1/112

3/89

John Dunn to SNA 31/12/88

"I have the honour to beg that you will be good enough to grant me a permit for the introduction of natives for labour into Natal for the Railway extension works, to the number of about two thousand... natives, rate of wage to be one shilling...per working day."

Minute H. Shepstone. "Inform Mr Dunn that I have made inquiry of the Rail ay Authorities and ~~xxxx~~ am informed that they have no work for this number of natives now."

61/89 7/1/89 /Yet another battle between RMS to get labour for public works\_



be with this object that Mr Starr's Native Agent seeks such assistance.

The late Government was more than once involved in considerable complications through Court messengers or Officials associating themselves with Labour Agents, and it became necessary to strictly prohibit the practice, and I respectfully, but strongly, recommend that this prohibition continue.

It seems to me that if any pressure is to be brought to bear in order to procure natives for Harbour Works, it would be preferable for the Government to order the men out as is done for Road Parties.

I presume it will no longer be necessary for Labour Agents to obtain Licences to introduce Labourers from this Prince ~~Island~~ into other parts of Natal.

SNA 1/1/269

Wm Starr to SNA Verulam 29/12/97

Will you write a letter to the RMs Zululand / "stating that my indunas are engaging boys for Govt Harbour Works & if they could supply a Court Messneger to accompnny the induans in their district to assure the people that they are required for Govt Works only it would better encourage boys to engage as my indunas inform me that their difficulty to engage boys is their want of confidence as so many false agents are running Zululand & that in most cases with all their assurances re wages & treatment & for Govt Works the natives beleive to the contrary.

I told to ~~do this~~ apply to RMs himself but he replies on 3/1 that he has done this / "Zululand has been , & is being I believe still overrun with unscruplous Agents using every plan to obtain labouy & ~~this~~ <sup>this</sup> where difficulty comes...."

Minutes

Sna recommends that Chief Magis infroms RM s to do this /  
Suanders to SNA 9/1/98

/\_their are grave objections\_/ "Some months ago the Chiefs throughout Zululand were informed through their Magistrates that Mr Starr was collectintg labour for the Natal Government, and that many people wishing to engage need entertain no fears as to his bona fides, and, should his present appciation be granted, I have little doubt, an attempt will be made bring pressure to bear on the Chiefs to supply men, as it can only



1/5

18/4 - 24/4

To  
279From  
687

25/4 - 30/4

201

680

2/5 - 8/5

271

883

7/5 - 15/5

185

695

16/5 - 22/5

130

628

23/5 - 29/5

98

522

30/5 - 5/6

112

828

6/6 - 12/6

83

574

13/6 - 19/6

69

572

20/6 - 26/6

96

622

27/6 - 3/7

88

550

4/7 - 10/7

163

591

11/7 - 17/7

146

446

18/7 - 24/7

118

455

25/7 31/7

217

408

[Reasons for reverse is that several  
Mues have shut down.]

SNF 1/1/240

Thos Fayer . Supervisor Native location Charlestown  
No. of passengers by train.

14/2/97 - 27/2/97.	To SAR	From SAR
	2797	600
28/2/97 - 6/3/97	1403	538
7/3/97 13/3/97	1223	544
14/3/97 20/3/97	1083	463
21/3/97 27/3/97	9041	499
28/3/97 3/4/97	8641	672
4/10/97 10/4/97	607	737
11/4/97 17/4/97	587	687





SNA 1/1/263

Burial of Mulopekazi

2/2 29/10/97

Superintendent of Police to SNA.

[ Ba Con be buried Town Hill Cemetery  
by Mr Conery Cost £3/7/6

Minute S.O.S. has £2 sent to him by  
Mulopekazi. No friends or relatives  
or property

£1/7/6 paid out of Reserve  
for Native purposes.



1898

Wm. W. W. W.

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SNA

1/1/243

Wm Starr 22/4/97

100 Dulus for Nabal Harbour works 25-30/- a month

W H Logan 23/4/97 100 NGR for 6 weeks

at 30/- + returns

5/4/97 A H Reynolds

100 at 30/- for 6 weeks at 30/-

6-5-97.

300 Dulus at 1/- a day for 6 weeks  
NGR Maintenance

Crompton  
17-5-97

200 at 30/- for 6 weeks

30-12/97

50 at 30/- for Harbour Works



11/1/1901

1000

Received of Mr. J. H. Smith  
the sum of \$100.00  
for the purchase of  
the land in the  
County of [unclear]  
State of [unclear]

JNA 1/1/263

23/11/87

A Jones Anderson on  
applies for 1000 2nd  
works for Coalfield in the  
district of Dundee



1871  
11/11/71  
Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
same has been forwarded to you by the  
proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant

J. S. 21/11/71  
J. S. 21/11/71

Yours faithfully,  
J. S.

SNA

1/1/242

Maine Hunts? April 97 "The large number of contractors natives is owing to the relay work which is being vigorously prosecuted, and every available native engaged on it."

[ Return - Natives employed outside Durban 1 PMOR

Contractors Natives	762	} 1575
Monthly "	676	
Total	<u>137</u>	

Employed elsewhere 17,000.





SNA

1/1/734

William Storr 30/11/96

[Appl. for Licence to bring 200 2.5m

for Natal Horseshoe works 25/- a week

NGR 30/- a month Dundee Local Company

40/- a month.

as above 30/11/96 Plant, Jackson

500 . 6m at 1/2 a week

Elondslaagte local fields

13/2/97 Storr 200



SNA

1/1/215

PC Hawkins wants 1000 notes for  
Zulu for Railway extension  
beyond Stonceton. gets pencil  
for 500.





SIVA

1/1/242. Circular 3-87. Calls for returns of outward passes  
(a) of Residents in Colony (b) passing through the Colony for 1896

Mapumulo.	Natives Residing	Foreign Natives	Zulus returning to
	1532	Passing thru	Zululand 250

Kranzkop. 19 Zulus to T.N.

Durban 3000 returning home to Pondoland & Zululand

Alexandra

Mosijca. Most

11/11/11

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

J. H. [Signature]



SNA

1/1/223

E. Grompton to SNA 22/6/96 Unkhikali

"Having a contract on the N.C. Ry + finding that the Native  
Natives will not work for a reasonable wage, I wish  
to buy natives from over the Boarder (sic)."

£ 100 from Dululani  
100 from Ponedwed

38/- for 30 days at 25/- per work  
for 3 weeks.

Sept

1893

Sept 1st - 1893

Sept 2nd - 1893

Sept 3rd - 1893

Sept 4th - 1893

Sept 5th - 1893

Sept 6th - 1893

Sept 7th - 1893

Sept 8th - 1893

Sept 9th - 1893

Sept 10th - 1893

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Sept 22nd - 1893

Sept 23rd - 1893

Sept 24th - 1893

Sept 25th - 1893

Sept 26th - 1893

Sept 27th - 1893

Sept 28th - 1893

Sept 29th - 1893

Sept 30th - 1893



SNA 1/1/125

612/90

Fynn Rm Msinga to SNA 22/5/90

"It is most difficult to find men ~~for~~ for the roads , here now, all out at service....I was informed yesterday that some of the many Railway Agents for Native Labor now about, had met the Natives I was forwarding to the Ladysmith Roads - & twatted them for so going, as they would give 30/- per month.

There were several of these Labor Railway agents down here during the last wee,."

Minutes SNA sends it to the C. (Barnes who returns it without comment and then to the Engineer in Chief saying it it is true he would like to ban agents from going into the locations to recruit.)

Engineer in Chief to SNA 3/6/90 <sup>Carr</sup> /Can't say if its true/ "But it seems quite a likely thing to have happened seeing the numbers of agents who have been trying to recruit labour both on behalf of contractors and this Dept, and that the rate of wages has risen to 30/- a month on the Extentsion Wroks. / The closing of this source to Ry. recruiting will naturally increase the difficulties already experienced in obtaining natives for constructing an important public road viz. the rail-road . ~~It~~ It will be for HE to decide which course will be best in the general interest."

SNA to E - in Chief /I'd like the agents warned Carr agrees to do this/

