

The Sitimela affair. Documents taken from 179/140 (8246/N/82) are in ZR1 but there is also a very useful precis of the correspondence and detailed analysis follows for Bulwer's info.

No1 /This is Chamberlains's figure for easier ref/ Br Res-Wood Tel /Returned 5/7 from Pretoria to hear from Mlandela's messengers had 3 days before reported the Sitimela reported chieftainship over Mthethwa many of whom followed him. Sitemla sent men with 2 cows to Res to announce his assumption of authority. Osb has summoned both, but Mlandela to inform to come. Sitimela had failed in a similar attempt several ~~years~~ months earlier

Pret

No2 8/7/82 Dunn-Wood Tel Inform Wood of Sitimela

No3 Mithcell to Rob Tel Shepstone believes Sitimela a Tonga out of Stanger Gaol and that Mlandela never signed deed of submission

No4 8/7/81 Wood -Dunn Teleg (from Pret) Arrest Sitimela but don't act outside territory wit out Res's order.

/Telgrams interchange with Mithcell not realising wood was still in charge of Zululand and thus cancelling his orders.

No9 Osb to Wood 10/7/81 /"Sitimela lived for last six years in Natal, came from Natal and claims chieftry over Umtetwa...by stating he is son of Somveli who settled near the Bapedi (Sikukuni) where Sitemla says he was born. BR says on 6/7 he summoned Sitimela and Mlandela or his son with not more than 10 men

No13 28/7/81 B R -Wood Tel Sitemla with armed force and Somkele with 8 companies sent to assist. Appeared before BR. BR advised Dunn Umketya Sibhebhu and Siungusa to help Mlandela if requested. B R moved to Nhalzatshe as place dangerous.

No16 31/7/81 Sitimela agreed to come to BR and Osb left Nhalzatshe on 20/7 reaching Inseleni river on 20/7 with Mlandela 10 miles off with Dunn and Mgetwa. Sitemla had Mlandela's chief kraal and grain and had 1 rge impi which he refused to disperse. 27/7 Somkele arrives with large force but left all but one company on Osb's order and approached Osb.

Sitimela came with all his armed men, then left them 500 yards away and approached with 50 men. BR ordered them to disperse. Dunn reported his company menaced by Sitimela's men. On that evening finding Sitemla did not comply BR advised Dunn &c to help Mlandela if they were requested. 28/7 Cakijana from Sitimela said he had dispersed the women but the armed men were still there. In the afternoon the BR left for Nhalazatshe

No17 4/8/81 Osb - Wood Letter from Dunn dd 31/7 from Dunn reports he sent small body of scouts to watch Sitimela and they were attacked by his companies and 10 killed so Dunn attacked and routed Sitemla's force killing ringleaders Sitemla escaped.

No22 17/8/82 Br to Wood "They saw some of Ndabuko(s men were helping Sitimela. There was a rumour that the Umtetwa were not fighting for Sitimela but for Umtateni (husband of Batonyeli daughter of Mpande) who disputed with his brother Sokwetyasa as to who should succeed Mlandela.

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Sitwela

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24 Cont Encl3 Osb to Wood Inhlatshe 16/7

✓ / No fighting since 11/7 (telg of) but skirmishes over cattle and ~ occupies M's kraal with 1000men. M and Dunn in position with armed force on the Inseleleni. M says he can't visit REs and S says he is ready to come but it is pointless without M. O is ready to start for area.

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Osborne Wood Nhalzatoxhe 13/8/81 Gives extract from Dunn's letter on the defeat of Sitimela.

"...Sitimela's men chased and killed ten of Mlandelas, and wounded one running them to within a mile of my camp. I at once saw that if I delayed, and allowed a single day to pass, his cause would have been strngthened so I mustered my force allowing Sitimela's men time to get back to their Head Quarters which was sheltered by a high ridge of hills, about 1500 yds from the kraal. I then followed up, and divided my force which was about 2000 strong, and made for the kraal right, left, and centre. As soon as we showed on the hills we saw all his men collected 'giving' and making a great noise in the kraals at their success. As soon as they saw us they came out of the kraal and formed in fighting order. I then myself fired three shots into the middle of them, killing one man. This caused a commotion, and the whole of the force broke and made for the top of high hill at the back of his kraal. My men followed up sharp which caused a panic amongst the rebels, and they broke and fled after five or six shots being fired at them. The loss on my side was only three or four killed and four wounded. It would be difficult to tell the loss of the rebels, but I should say over two hundred.' Osborne interpolates that the losses occurred during the flight to the White Umfolosi - it appears that Mgithswa's and Siunguza's contingents had not arrived.. Mlandela on Sitimela's flight seized 200 head from Somopo, 180 from Mkosana, 150 from Nonsobo, and 2000 taken on the day of the fight. Somkeli sent in 300 which he said he stopped going through his territory. He said that 60 of these belonged to Umsuduka.

Osborne writes that he has heard that 1400 head were selected by Mlandela as his own property, 60 to his people and the rest given to Dunn as a reward.

I am informed that Mlandela's men are dissatisfied with allotment of 60 head and I (MO) fear it is impolitic and alienates him from those who remained loyal to him - also many of the cattle seized by Sitimela from these men have been given to Dunn. It was attacked on the 31st MO believes that Sōmkele's support was one of the reasons that so many Mtemetwha deserted Mlandela - believes a special enquiry should be made as he has contravened the terms of his appointment. Mlandela is entirely unfitted for his position. It was with Dunn's help that he suppressed this rebellion and Dunn good services I bring to your notice

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No85 Wood to Kimberley 14/10/81 pl43

Enc Osb to Wood 13/8/81 pl44

/Immediately after the defeat Mlandela seized the cattle of his opponents: Somopo 200
Umkosana, 180; Nonsobo, 150, besides nearly 2000 taken the day of the fight so
Dunn has reported to Osborn. After defeat S went to Somkeli who has been ordered
to arrest him. and Somkeli's role in this affair should be investigated and his
support has been very influential in the success of Sitimela and he left his ~~chief~~
Induna Umseduka in the retreat. Somkeli has since sent 300 cattle to Mlandela
and promises more.



Sitimela - defeat

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No85 Wood to Kimberley 14/10/81 pl43

Enclo Osborn to Wood 13/8/81 pl44

/Report of the defeat of Sitimela Mlandela restored and is settling the internal affairs of his district. Unable to restore order peacefully Res returned to Inhazathe on the 28th advising four chiefs to aid Mlandela. Small skirmish 28yh then on 31st Dunn's small scouting party attacked and Dunn called up his own men and with 400 of Mlandela's men and advanced on Sitimela's 2000. Dunn's account followed. Dunn started the skirmish with three shots and five or six shots were fired later when Dunn's men followed up. Dunn lost three of four and rebels over 200.]

/No information that suggests that women and children were harmed but they were taken prisoner and are being ransomed for one head of cattle./



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No85 Wood to Kimberley 14/10/81 pl43

Enc Osb to Wood 13/8/81 pl44

Sifunela - Mlandela redibhuleni cattle

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/1400 kept by Mlandela, 60 given to followers and the rest to Dunn. Siunguzua and Mgitshway did not use force to add Mlandela but aided him in the collection of cattle. M's followers dissatisfied by his impolitic act of returning only 60 of their cattle given many of those which had belonged to them to Dunn.

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Shirley M. Mordeler Dunn

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No85 Wood to Kimberley 14/10/81 pl43

Enc Osb to Wood 13/8/81 pl44

/Mlandeal is utterly unfit to rule his territory and unless there is a change more trouble should arise and he brings Dunns assistance and good service to the 'lawful authority' to Wood 's notice./ -



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M Schmidt

✓ in G. H. 677

No26 Kimberley to Wood 9/7/81 Tel

Mitchell - Rob

Git. 677. Many legends not taken 8/7/81 [Situated between to be
a Tonga, just out of Stanger's grasp where he was committed for
murdering the wife of ^{my father-in-law} the people]



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No 55 Wood to Kimberley 14/8/81 r91

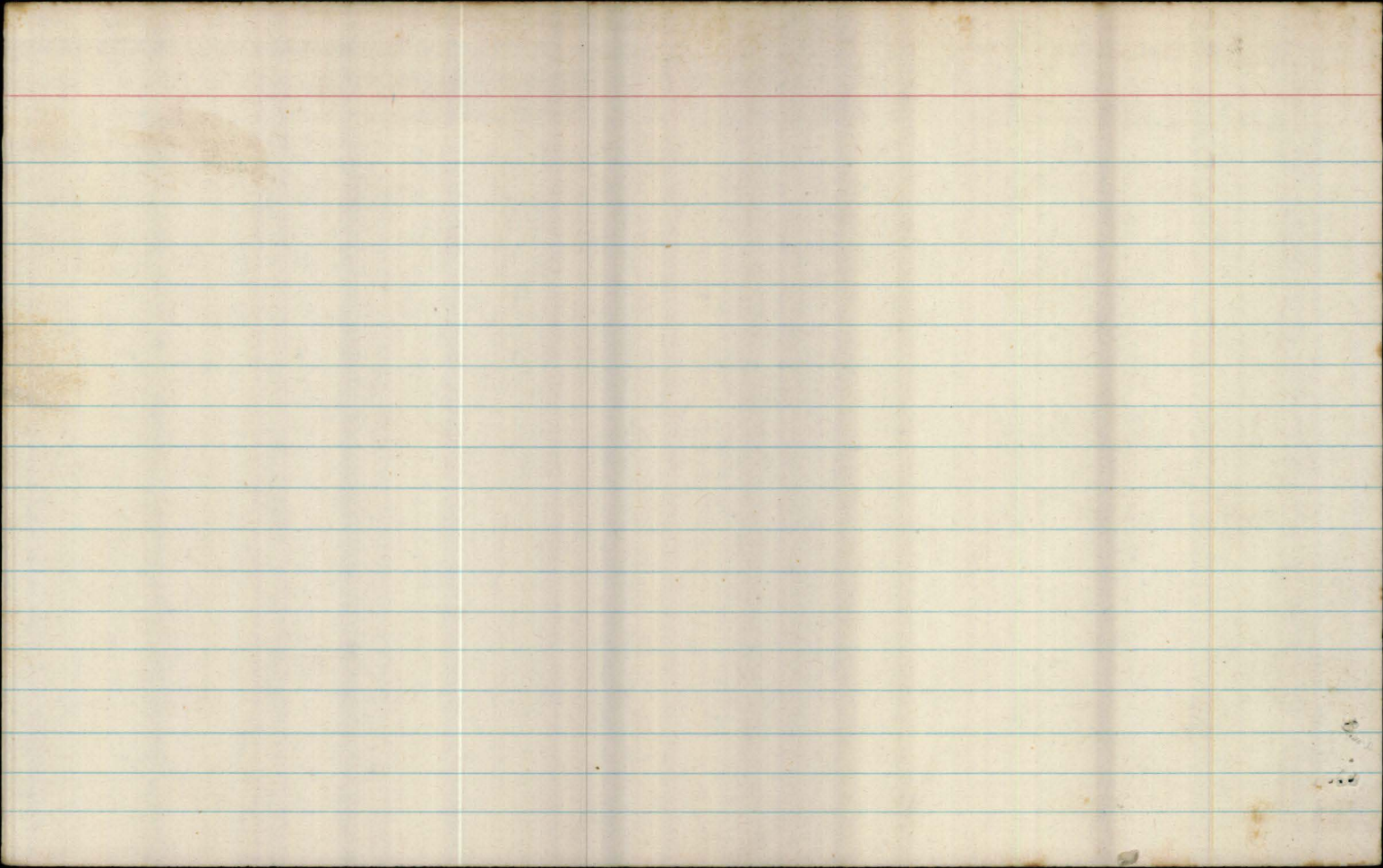
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/Res has informed that he was not able to restore order and called on Dunn Ungishwa Siunguza, and A to help Mlaneala. Dunn attacked ~ who was pursued to the U-folosi and has now fled to Somkeli's territory. Somkeli has been told by Os to give him to M for trial

Dunn says that nearly all the ringleaders were killed and he was not assisted by Siyunguza or Mgitshwayo whose people said they had given their assegais to Englsih

Osborn disbelieves Somkeli's story that he couldn't recall his people and believes the matter should be investigated and Somkeli punished

" According to Dunn ~ omkeli's contingent of eight companies formed the main portion of Sitimela's force. Somkele's head man, Umsuduku, was killed.



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No27 Wood to Kim erley 14/7/81 p28

/Osb has summoned Sitimela to Inhlazatshe to meet him 2 killed in rebellion_

No28 Wood to Kimberley 21/7/81 p29 p29

/ Osb reports on 16/7 Sitimela and 1000men occupied Umlandela's kraal. Mlandela Dunn and force on Inseleni River and as unable to move Osb has gone to them. Sitimeal's 2nd attment to rule. born Transvaal, lived last 6 years in Natal and claims to be Dingiswayo's grandson and shaka expelled his father from Z'land. Dunn meesages 'alraming' trouble spreading and Sitimela buying guns from Delagoa bay. Dunn watns permission to suppress outbreak. I won't sanction this and wait for Osb further repots.//

No29 Wood to Kimberley 24/7/81 p29 Tel

"Osborn repots from border of Umlandela's territory that Somkeli has tacilty joined Sitimela, who, prestending to restore Dingeswayo's dynasty, is gaining ground. Osborn recommends strongly that if his endeavours to restore peace should fail he may advise other Chiefs to send strong contingent to hlep Unlandela. They will redily do so if a advice is given at once. If delay occurs soborn thinks Sitimela's power will spread. Under these circumstnaces shall I authorisê other Chiefs to coerce Sitimela, or do it myself with British troops, aecom anied by Native Contingent.

No30 Ki mberley to Wood p29 25/7/81

/ If Osb peace efforts fail he may use Chiefs to help Umlandela - but British troops are not to be used.

No31 Wood to Kimberley 1/8/81 p29 ✓

/_ Osb reports 28th. Sitimela would not disperse and cause gaining ground. Osb advised four Chiefs to render Mlandela aid, and has moved to Inhlazatshe as in great personal danger. _/ "I regret the necessity of this move, as I hoped his presence might check the usual excesses of native war."

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36 No51 Wood to Kimberley 4/8/81 Tel p51

Adm Natal to Wood 3/8 Tel

Covers tel from Border Agentl "Just received special message as follows: Frm Dunn's clerk. Dunn writes as follows: July 31st, yesterday, about daylight I sent some of Umandela's men on to a hil to watch Sitimela, when Sitimela's peo le saw them ~~that~~ they chased them and killed seven; then Dunn calle upon his men and attacked Siimela's men and routed them, and burnt their kraal, and took a lot of cattle; the men are still in pursuit and the rebels may expect no mercy. I do not know whether Sitimeela escaped " /Received by Border A ent 2.30 Augsut end.

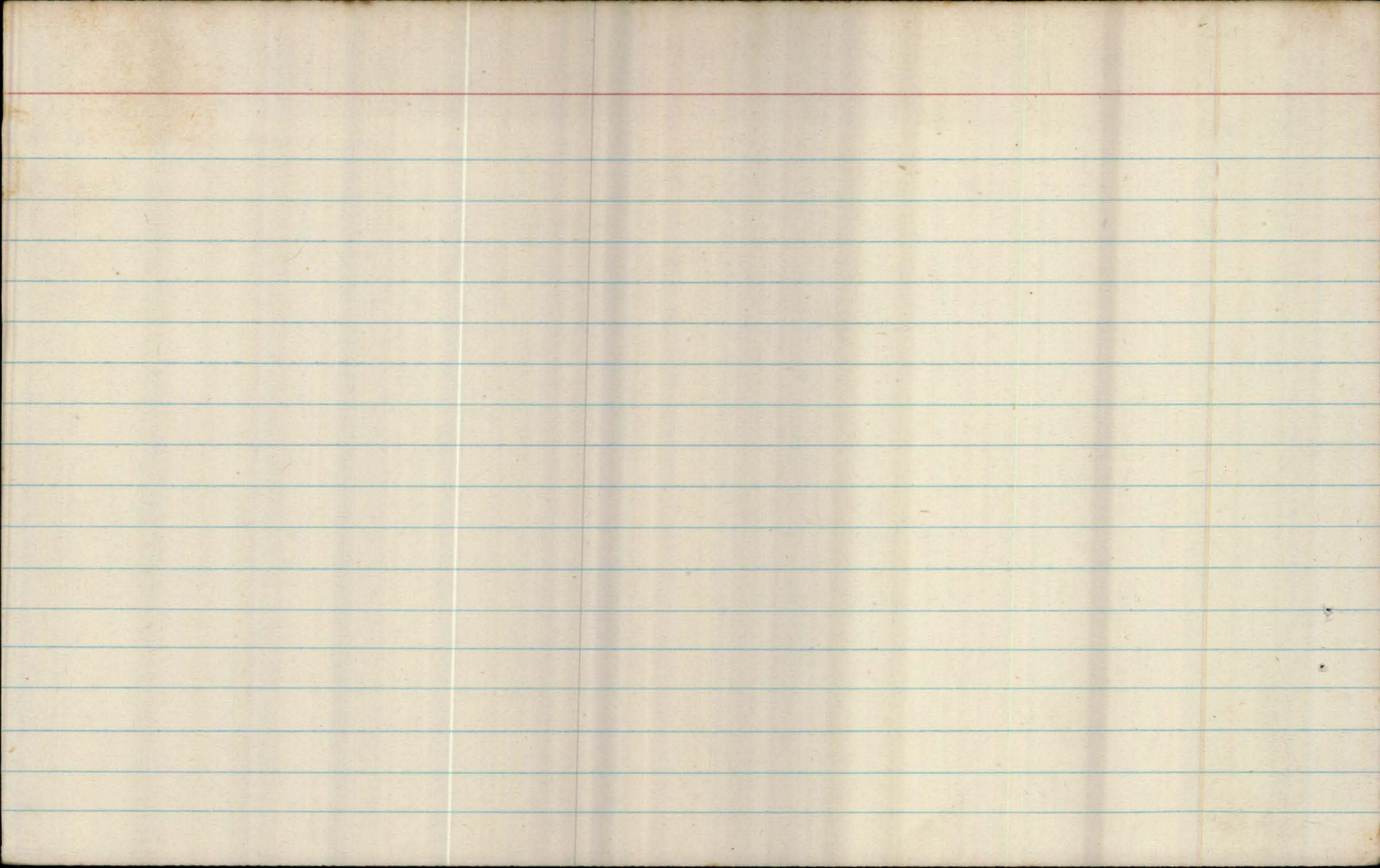
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No52 Wood to Kimberley 11/8/81 p51

Enc Osborn to Wood 2/8

"Latest report frm Umlanela's reached me last evening. hiefs were still concentrating forces when messenger left on morning of 31st. It was expected that combined strength would move on to Sitimela to-day. Ixwillxforwarxxxx"



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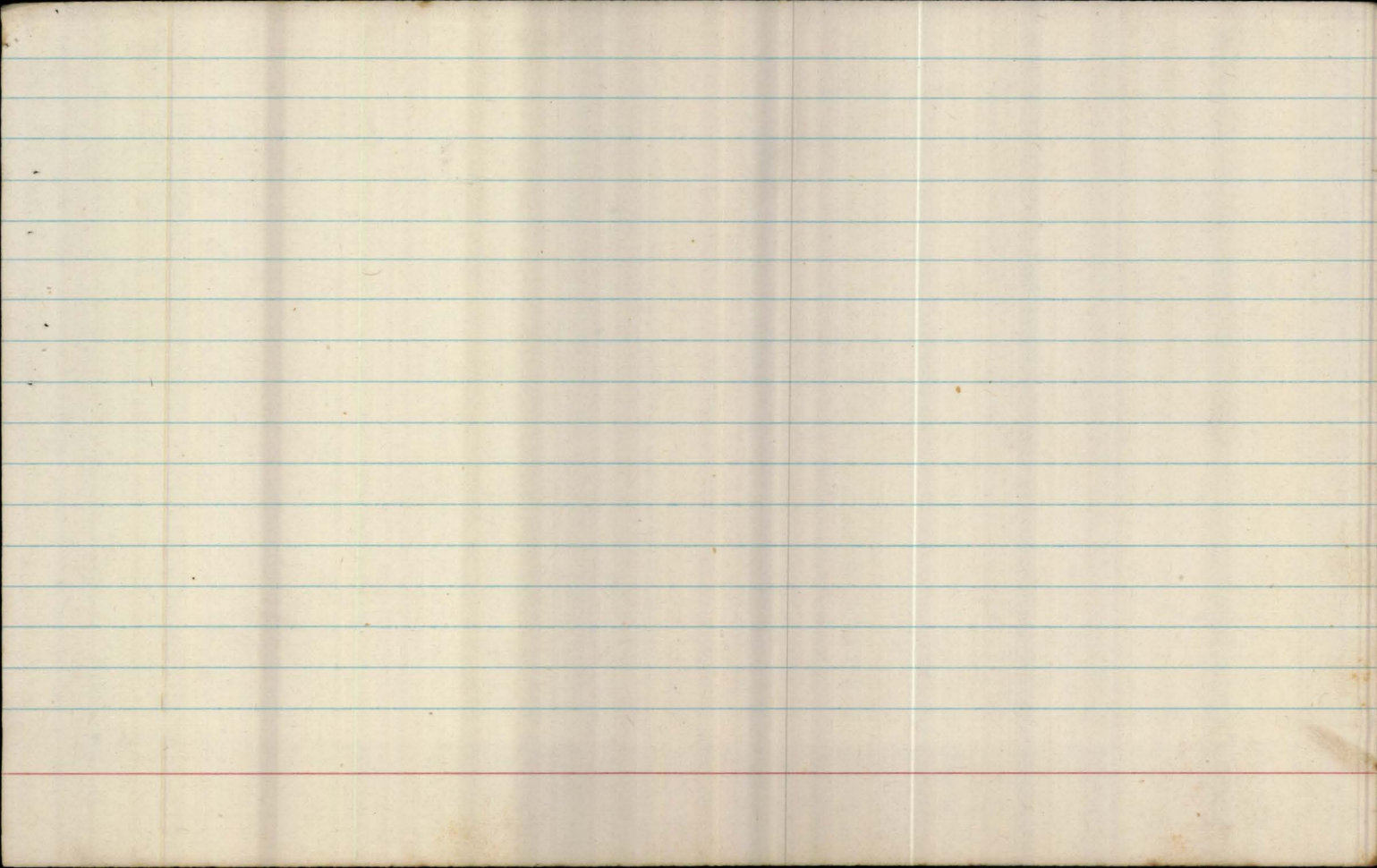
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No59 Wood to Kimberley 23/8/81 p93

Osborn to Wood 4/8/81

Dunn to Osborn 31/7/81 p94

/Sent small party to look at ^{of M'smen} Situmela's kraal, party ~~and~~ attacked ten killed
and S's force followed them to within a mile of Dunn's camp and Dunn turned out his
men killing nearly all S's ringleaders except S himself and routing his force.



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No53 Wood to Kimberley 12/8/81 p84

Encl Osb to Wood 31/7/81

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/One of a number of long despatches plus enclosures which give details of the Sitimela trouble. Much of this has already been noted from telegrams printed earlier in 3182. I have attempted to break it up into themes, or at least chronologically. /Since his efforts to get Sitimela before were frustrated by Mlandela he moved to the border of Maldneal's territory on the 19th. on 20th moved to place near source of Inseleni river in Mgitshwayo's territory with Mlandeala about 6 miles E of the river and 10 miles from R^Es, with Dunn and armed men. Called on both sides to disperse. "Neither of the parties would render compliance, as will be seen from her 40 annexed copies of the communications I had with them ...I could not comply with Sitimela's request to send John Dunn out of the territory, as the effect of his leaving Umlandela could not but be disastrous to the interests of the latter, and seriously imperil his personal safety and that of his adherents, especially as Sitimela had refused to disperse him 'impi'.

S had taken over Mlandela's principal kraal and was building his own as well as chief of the Mtetwa. Had impi with him and it was doctored for war. "I found further that his followers had sent nearly all their cattle away into the territories of other chiefs for safety, and that Sitimela had sent liberal presents of cattle to several influential Zulus and smaller present also in cattle to numerous other natives, all in Usibebu's territory, and belonging to the party known as that of Undabuko, Cetywayo's brother, who are against sibebu. I also found that the number of Sitimela's followers were being daily augmented by Zulus within Umlandela's territory who had hitherto been wavering, and by numbers of the Untetwa tribe rejoining the territories of their chiefs.

Somkeli also was there on S's side with an armed force. Os tried to disperse the armies to their homes and submit to M and he refused to recognise S. (this was round the 27th

"My interview with Sitimela and the headmen with him occurred in afternoon of the 27th and finding my warnings disregarded, and that delay in bringing about the re-establishment of the Umlandela's authority was taken advantage of by Sitimela to strengthen his party, I advised the Chiefs John, Dunn, Umgitjwa, Siomguza, and Usibebu to aid Umlandela with such armed contingents as they might be able to furnish, ~~without regard to being~~... provided Umlandela applied to them for such help. I also urged upon the Chiefs to strictly 85/86 prohibit bodily injury to women and children in the event of active operation. I had already, two days previous to this, ,,, told these Chiefs confidentially that it was my intention to advise this course to them, should my further efforts to restore order prove fruitless.....

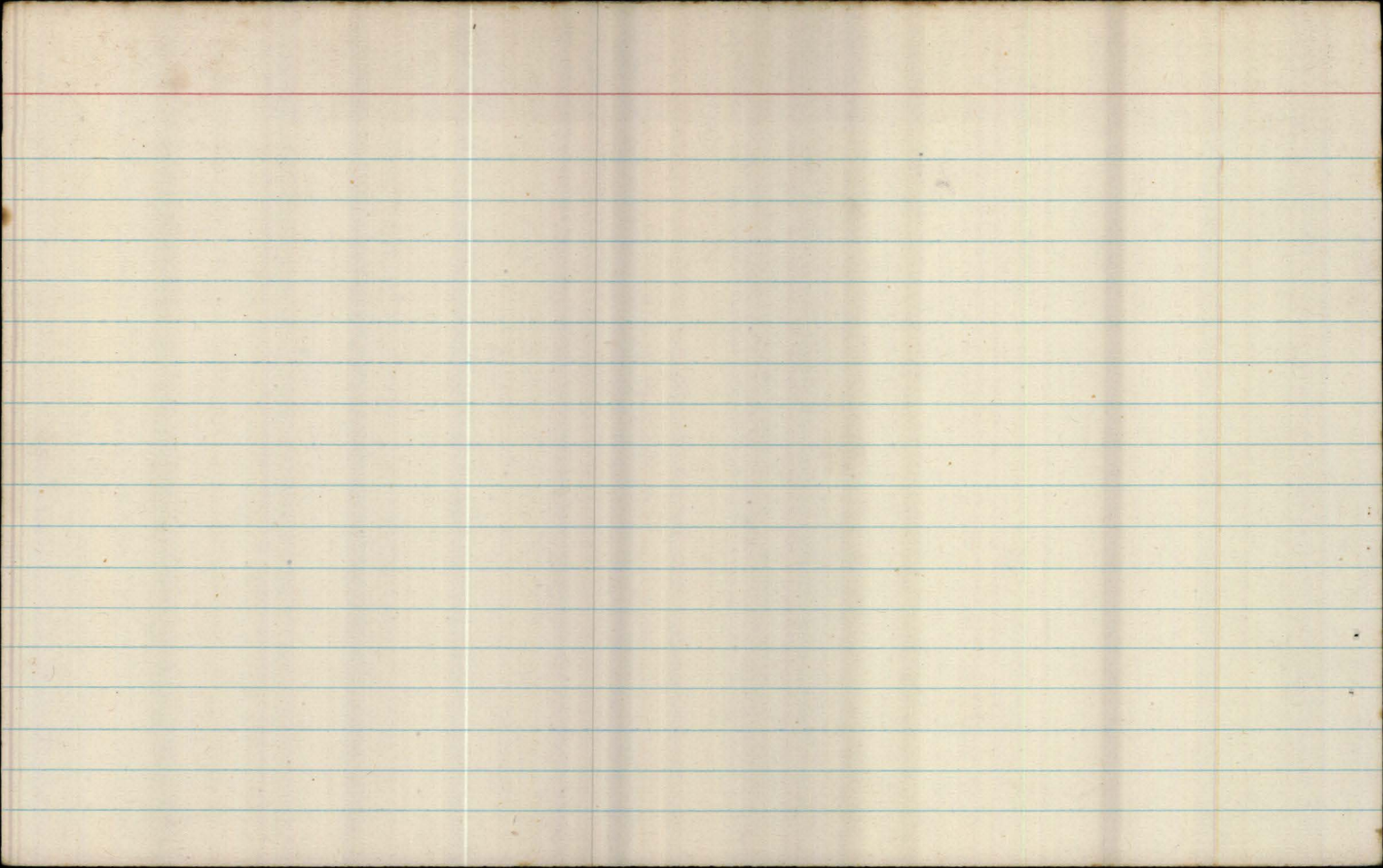
* Before giving this advice I felt convinced that I had done all I could to induce the people who had rebelled against their chief to return to their allegiance, and to restore authority in a peaceful manner. I felt convinced also that any further delay in initiating such other measures as appeared necessary to restore order would not only prove disastrous to Umlandela's interests, but also imperil the peace in other territories, and probably, throughout Zululand.

I considered it 'his duty' to retire to Inhlazatshe and left 28th. Sent warning to Sitimela and message from S reached him by Cakijana saying that all women had been sent to kraals but that the men were still under arms. / Cont

No53 Wood to Kimberley 12/8/81 p84

Enc Osb to Wood 31/7/81 p84

p86 In reference to these circumstances I must point out the very serious considerations involved by them, not only as affecting Zululand, but also other parts of South Africa, and hence the necessity of immediate and decisive action. there are large numbers of the Umtetwa tribe scattered throughout most of the native locations in Natal, as there are also in different parts of Zululand, and they are strong in Kafirland on the Cape frontiers. Some of the chiefs in Zululand, not pleased with being placed under the rule of their fellows, appointed under the terms of the Ulundi settlement, would not ~~scruple~~ scruple to avail themselves of an opportunity of re-establishing a king out of an acknowledged royal line, especially when that line is that of the Umtetwa, a tribe boasting of greater and older traditions than the Zulu, or almost any other Mantehela tribe in South Africa can lay claim to. They would look upon it as simply restoring a line of Chiefs deposed by the usurpation of the Zulu Chief Tshaka, whose line in turn has been overthrown by the white man as the outcome of the late Zulu war. The man Sitimela, on whose sole and unsupported assertion that he is the grandson of Dingiswayo such a large portion of the Umtetwa have abandoned Unlandela, for many years the acknowledged Chief of the tribe in Zululand, is undoubtedly very shrewd and cunning, and is doing all he can to extend his influence throughout the country by means of bribes or presents, and by spreading reports of his wonderful powers in magic, and especially that the English house having conquered Tshaka's successors ... and broken down this house, they (the English) have since been entirely beaten by the Boers, and have thus lost the supremacy hitherto held by them in Zululand, and that, therefore, it is right that the house Dingiswayo should resume its ancient rights usurped in the first instance by Tshaka.



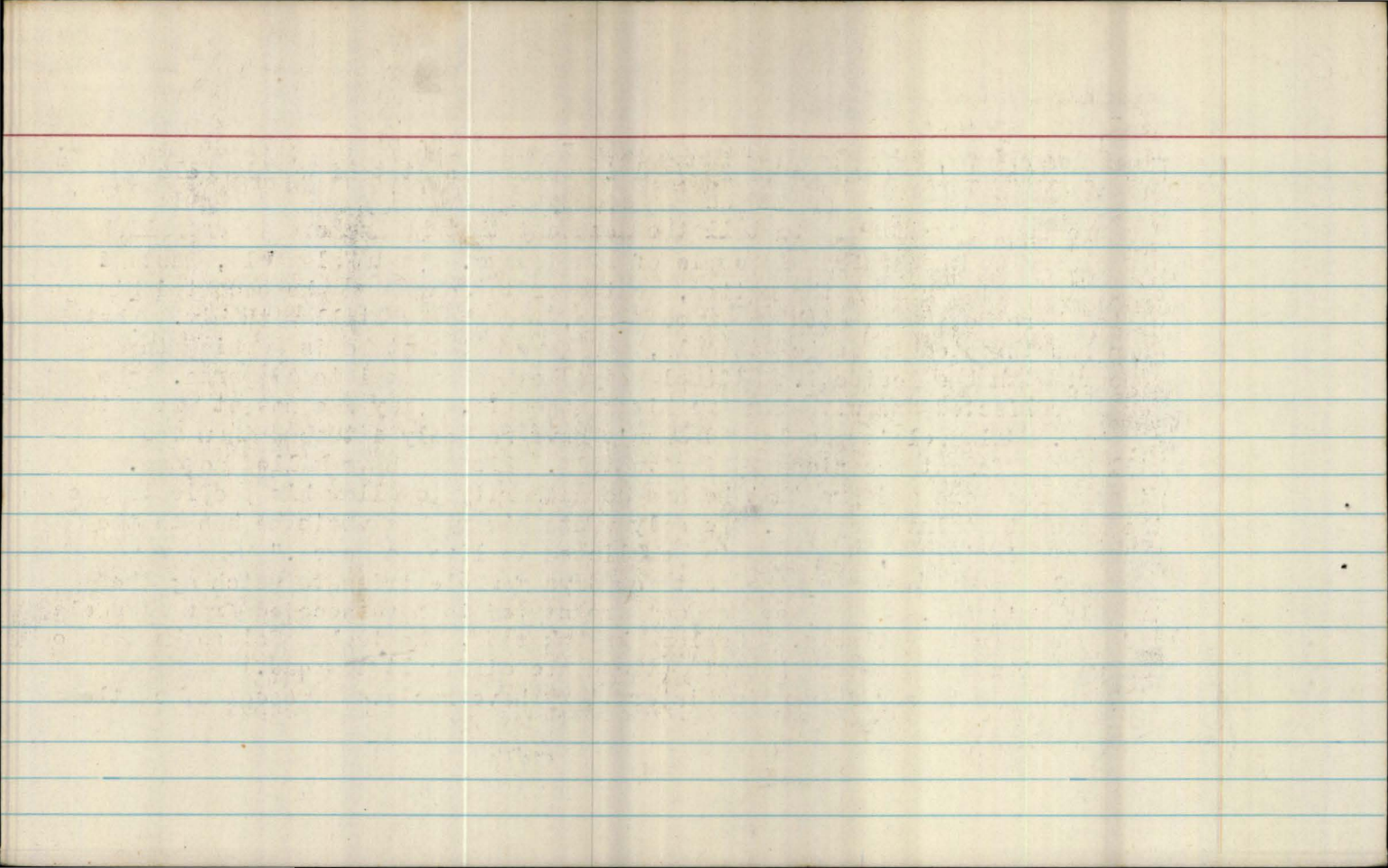
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Sitimela
/Full report on *Sitimela* with enclosures - and copies of the various messages. One of *Sitimela*'s messages on 23/7/81 to Osborn is Mtateni ka Mlandela who has joined *Sitimela*. He is accompanied by Hokazi/

"We are sent by *Sitimela* to tell the Resident that he is here to establish his claim to the house and people of Dingiswayo. That Umlandela, instead of dealing with him on the matter, went over to John Dunn who escorted him back to where he is now with an armed force, and who is still with him. That Dunn has threatened to seize *Sitimela*, and gave out that he is working in concert with the Resident. *Sitimela* says he has no impi to disperse. The people collected and with him are his own people. They are not at war with any one. Umlandela's people and Dunn's have repeatedly attacked them and kill on different occasions 23 individuals. His men have killed no one. His soldiers were and are that he has no authority to allow his people to use the assegai against any one. He only wants his rights which he has to the house of Dingiswayo, and then to be allowed to live in peace."

/No reply given/ During the next few days Somkele tries to patch up the trouble he's in. These headmen are stated to have seceded from Mlandela and gone over to *Sitimela*. Somloma ka Umkosana, Montsoba Goloza ka Somopo Umadwa Siiz and Umtateni Hokazi (these are difficult to read.

25/7 Z sends to say 5 men in his territory have received present of cattle from *Sitimela*



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Osborn to Mitchell Nr Mlandela's 24/7/81

/On 21/7 sent Wood telg suggesting that chiefs of adjoining territories send contingents to aid Mlandela and as I have had no reply I intend to decide that point tomorrow. Sititmela is still in possession of Mlandela's kraal and has 1000 men with him. Said he would obey my summons if allowed to come with his army - I refused and he said he would come if Dunn who is great enemy is not preset. - I replied that I have nothing to do it done. I have also summoned the headmen who have joined Sititmela and intend telling to disperse with their peoples. I must take decisive steps as soon as possible. I sent submit the mischief will spread through Zululand for sititmela is doing his best to get all the principal Chiefs to acknowledge him as successor to Dingiwayo and 8 compnaies from Somkeli with him and the latter should be punished. Dunn remains 6 miles east of the Inseleni stram - if I ordered him to retire it would strengthen ~~Dunn's~~ Mlandela's position tremendously/

28/7/81 Osb- wood /Pitiemal pappeared before me yesterday and explained that he holds no lawful position. If he has claims against Mlandela he must b bring them before me, after dispersing his impi. ~~itiemal~~ Somkeli visited me today - his attitude was doubtful.- and the cause appearsto be apreading. I have advised Dunn Mgitshwa Dunn Zibebhu and Siuguza / ~~Newswe... 185630... 118~~ ~~to render~~ "to render armed aid to Umlandela in reOestablishing his authority and to restore order, if applied for which they are willing to do, and I elieve active operations will be had at once." /Return to Mhlazatshe today as I am in great danger being here alone and for other reasons

Osborn to Buller* 31/7/81 Nhlanzatshe /As above tried to bring about
settlement but failed and after giving him full warning / "asvised four
appointed^c chiefs of territory viz Umgijwa Siunguza...Dunn and Usbebu to render
Umlandlea, if applied for by him, such ~~xxxx~~ armed assitance as they may be
able to give compatible with the due maintenace of order in their own distrdt.
pplication was at once made by Umlandela and the three first named chiefs who
were present sent off without delay messengers to al up strong con ingents."
/At this point I returned home.

Osborn - Wood 31/7/81 Nhlanzatshe /As above C3182/53

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No59 Wood to Kimberley 23/8/81 p93
~~Sixt~~ Osborn to Wood 17/8/81 p94

"Maziana and Nozitslima state:- Pm the 28th of July last we took the Resident's final message of warning to Sitimela, to leave Umlandela's territory, and to disperse the people he had collected round him their homes. Sitiemla, after hearing the message, said, I will do as the Resident wishes, and go either to Maritzburg or Swazi-land, but the house of Umlandela belongs to me, ~~notyaxi~~ and will not leave me. Somkeli's people are also on my side, and whether I go away or not, all these people will continue to be in a state of disorder. Did you not see my 'impi' the day I went to visit the Resident? It was partly hidden, but I had a large armed force. ~~At~~ /On return found horn of gunpowder which must have belonged to S's people. Bare outline of battle. / p 95
...Junn / * p95 / told us that the rebellion in chief Umlandela's country was worse than he thought at first. That a great party of Zululand was affected by it, and that tribes in other territories had supported Sitimela, even people in his own district had been in collusion with the rebels. That in Sitimela's kraal, he found the tusk of an elephant, a thing which only Cetywayo, during his reign in Zululand, ever kept. That one man, on Sitimela's side during the fight, called out to his people "leave me alone, I belong to Undabuko." We know that there were men of Undabuko fighting on Sitimela's side, because we saw ourselves in Sitimela's kraal the day we took him the Resident's last warning, three ringed men from the kraal of Umsutshwana's (umsutshwana's own brother), who is one of Undabuko's headmen. John Gunn told us also, that he had heard that Somkeli, immediately ~~mx~~ the fight began, had taken in his cart with himself ~~Notyaxi~~ B. tonyeli, the daughter of Umpande, married to Umbatani, ^Wson of Umlandela, who had joined Sitimela, and gone to hide with her at St. Lucia's lake. That the Umtetwa were

not really fighting for Sitimela, but for Umlateni, who disputed with his brother Sokwetyata as to who should be heir to their father Umlandela.

We learned that the women taken by Chief Dunn's impi during the fight, were allowed to be ransomed by their relatives on a payment of one beast for each woman, but those who had no relatives able to ransom them, were kept by the captors. Many cattle fell into the hands of the Chief Umlandela after the deperson of Sitimela's impi. We do not know exactly how many, but heard they were disposed of by Chief Dunn as follows.

Umlandela was given for himself and his people 1,560 head, of these he kept 1,500 for himself, and the remainder 60 head he gave to those of his people who had been loyal to him for their loyalty. /His people were thus very dissatisfied at only getting 60. They heard that 200 cattle hidden in M'wendlala and Mgitshwaya's territory were collected by Dunn but afterwards discovered that only 70 were found and Dunn gave 50 of them to Mgitshwa and kept the 20. Some of Dunn's people helped Sitimela. omkeli sent Dunn a troop of oxen to put out the fire. *Cont*

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Minutes Substance of tel from Rob 20/10 /81

Mintues Mr Bramston the previous paers about Ceteywayo were circualted a day or two ago with Mr Fairfiled's memo: on Zulu affairs.

This is rather a clever move on the part of the Boers. They no doubt know there is a good deal of feeling in favour of Cetewayo's restoration, & think that if he should be sent back, the fact of their having interceded on his behalf will dispose him in their favour - and if he is not they will be in none the worse position for having made the proposal. AWLH 27/10 JB 27

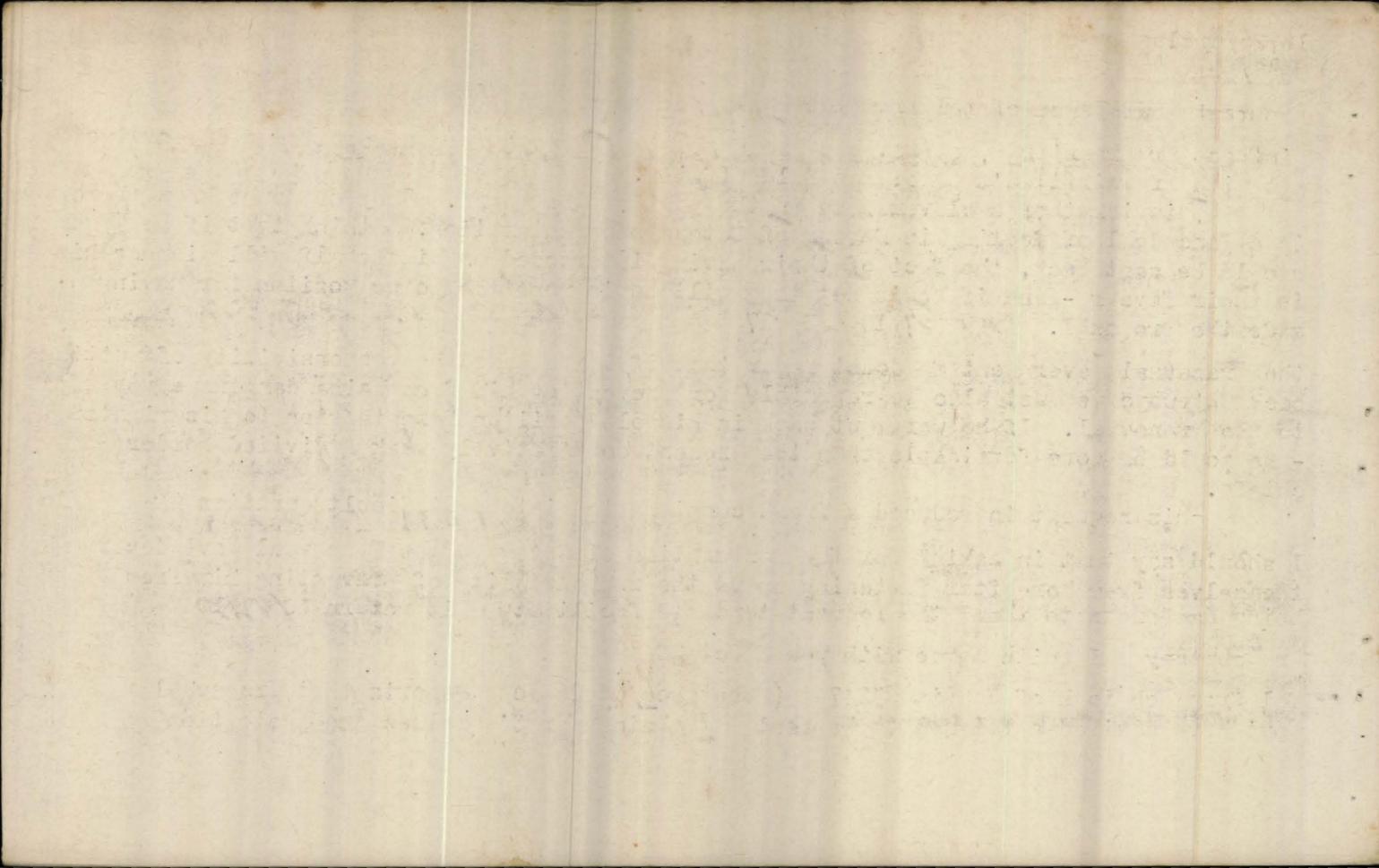
the Transvaal Government no doubt menax that if if we take the responsibility of putting back Cetywayo we must also be reponsible for preventing him from being dangerous to the Transvaal. If he were put back in his old position "restoration to his rights" - he would be more formidable than the present comparatively weak & divided border chiefs.

This request introduced a fresh consideration into a difficult question RLWH 27/10

I should say that in asking for the restoration of Cetewayo the Transvaal Govt debar themselves from hereafter fastening on us the responsibility of preventing him from being dangerous to them the request tends to facilitate his return LC 27/10

Mr Courtney I quite agree with you K Oct 28

/Tel from Rob to S of S (in C3247 (Substance/ " 26 Idt Reports that Transvaal Govt have desired a telegram to be sent asking for C's release and restoration"



C3247

N No9a Robinson to Kimberley 26/10/81 Tel p7
"Transvaal Government had requested telegram to be sent to you, soliciting
Cetywayo's release and restoration, as act of justice, and to prevent bloodshed."

Noll Robinson to Kimberley 14/11/81 p8 *(rec 6/12/81)*
Enclosure British Res Tvol 28/10/81 Enclsoes p8
State Secretart Tvl to British Res 25/10/81 p8
Extract from the Minutes of the Executive Council 25/10/81

"Resolved: To send copy of said letter /of Tvl's SNA pointing out desirability
of the King's releas_ to the British Resident with a request to send a t
telegram to Lord Kimberley containing a solitcitant o release the Zulu *
King Ceteywayo as speedily as possible, and to restore him to his rights, in
order to prevent further bloodshed in Zululand" /Ends/
Superintendent of Nataive Affairs P L Joubert to Vic-Pres Kruger and members
of the Executive Council 24/10/81 p9.

/Disturbances in Zululand are a cancer to Tvl and Natal. Only way to bring
peace in Zululand, ~~and the only way~~ is to restore the king_ Only by this act of
justice can England restore confidence; and Cetywayo, acquainted with the habits
and customs of the Zulu nation, and taught by the experience he has undergone,
will be in a position to restore peace and rest ot the people, and to prevent
the shedding of blood in such a barbarous manner!_ The Govt should therefore use
its influce with the British Govt to bring about his restoration._/

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