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Bul-Derby 2/3/85

/Shepstone is still trying to excuse himself for the financial problems arising out of his Trnavaal trip. Pulver does his best to defend the old man

12/15/57

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But-Derry 2/3/58

Greenstone is still trying to expose him. It for the financial problems  
again out of his financial trap. After does it best to defend the

old man



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No98 Bulwer to Drby 1/6/85 p91

"It is said that when Mr. Piet Joubert, of the Transvaal, was at the Boer laager in Zululand in April last, he suggested to the leaders of the 'new Republic' the inability of which to hold its own as an independent state he pointed out, a scheme for bringing the 'new Republic' under the authority and protection of the Transvaal or South African Republic, which object, he thought, might be attained by giving St. Lucia Bay /91/ to the Germans on the understanding that the latter would bring pressure to bear on HMG to allow of this departure from the Convention, and on the further understanding that the imports and exports of the Transvaal would be allowed to pass through St Lucia Bay, either duty free, or subject to duties, a position of which would be repaid to the Transvaal Government.

This does not appear a very practicable scheme. But it may possibly explain the issue of the proclamation by the Government of the 'new Republic' regarding St. Lucia Bay, which proclamation ~~by the Government of the new Republic regarding~~ is dated the 30th April, not long after Mr. Joubert's visit to the Boer laager; and I may say that I have heard, on good authority, that Mr. Lucas Meyer is in correspondence with the German consul-General at Cape Town. The German consul-General I am told also, received direct from Mr. Lucas Meyer a copy of the Boer proclamation regarding St Lucia Bay, and he was the only representative of Foreign Governments who received one."

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"We must make haste to offer the Boer Republic recognition - explaining at the same time that no departure from the convention will be allowed and that Germany has renounced any intention to interfere. E.F. 1/7/85

It would be a very good thing if a decision were come to about Zululand; the present state of confusion will only get worse if left along " JB 1/7 D 2/7

It would be well to make a memorandum on this & other Zululand papers, prepared for the Cabinet.

" Such a memo has been prepared as African 300 It has not however been distributed, as the question of its reconstruction /?/ is before Colonel Stanely E F 13/7



Boers, Distribution of land

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No 97 Bulwer to Derby 1/6/85 p90

/Every effort was made to reach an undersatnidning with the usuthu before the fars were allotted on 11/5. At first Dinuzulu refused to go to the Llaager but eventaully went with Siwetu, D'manzi and Ndabuko but no agreememnt was reached. Piet Joubert is said to have recommended that the Boers give way to some extnet and the Boers showed some icnclination but the a suthu refused to ccept this.

At the meetin a Mr Liversate accused the Government fo squandering the money recieved from the sale of lots, having paid themselves from this money, having given themsleves farms without taking their chance in he lottery. Meyer Esselen accused Liversage of gross libell and after ~~paxx~~ pa appearing beofe the land court Liversage was fined £50 - he paid b t promised startling revalaitions. he allotment was stopped to 21/5 and a proposal agrred to take 100 acres from each farm to give a large block to the suthu at Ulundi. This will mean a fresh survey.

p91

"There is said to be much discotnent among the Boers in Zululand. There is no leader in whom they trust, there is no money, and there is general beliefx that it will be impossible for the 'new R\_e\_pulbic' to stnad alone. he majority, I am told, would be glad to see~~xx~~ an annexation of the country by the Englsih. the anti-Englsih party, however, which is in the minority, is powerful because the officials and authorities belong ti it."

*Account*

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*Fryer*  
*hunt*  
Minutes "We had better not "annex" the New Republic but treat it as a friendly independent state for the present. If we annex it, the anti-English party will (as usual) ~~from~~ from// stronger than our representatives have told us that it was. See also 11469 giving a fesh newpsper account of some of the matters been reffered to." E F 1/7

"We <sup>assure?</sup> certainly do not watn the Boers as subjects - it will be almost impossible to ~~assure?~~ fair play for the natives at the hands of these reicless spirites, but I believe that the best propsect of a reasonable settlement of the country would be for England to take them over. J.D.1/7

"If these Boers whsll request to be brought under British control it would ~~be~~ clearly be best for all parties to comply. No <sup>pressure</sup> ~~request~~ should be put upon them. Annexation need not be carried out. RLWH 2/7

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has. Squabbles & Warlike

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No99 Bulwer to Derby 1/6/85 p92

/Bulwer encloses cutting from Natal Mercury dd 22/5 giving in great detail the disputes amongst the Boers reported in No97. Notes on this not taken but shorter section on negotiations with 'suthu below /  
Enc The Natal Mercury Friday 22/5/85 p92

"On Monday morning the excitement in the new Republic began. It was pretty well known that the lottery would not take place that day, owing\*the unstaifactory arrangements with Dinizulu on Saturday. Dinizulu, who is at present staying at Incozan's kraal near Vrijheid, came in again on Monday, mounted on a white horse, wearing a small sword. His party consisited of Undabuko, Mahanane, Shingani, Zwete, Samula, Petchana, Incozan, Qabete, and Mapela; Somkele, from the Ponkanyoni, one of his strognest chiefs, refusing to attend, being strongly averse to the transaction in any shape. Umnyamana, the Regent, I was told, is also very much averse to Dinizulu's agreement with the new Republic. He was not at either of the three meetings in Vrijheid, on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday. It is said that but for Undabuko turning up on Saturday the business would have been concluded on that day. Dinizulu brought with /93/ him aobour 150 followers, numbers of the mounted and armed with refiles, and cartridge belts full. The interview laster from 10 till 70'clock in the evening, the natives holding out against the extent of aldn,a insisitng on a reduction of the amount to be given. The Boers, on suggesting theprobabiliy

of their going away altogether, which the natives seemed anxious to avoid, at last succeeded in finally settling the line separating the land to be given away. The President also informed them that it was their intention to draw the lottery, and that the burghers when they had drawn would at once go and take possession of their farms."

/Burghers informed that the native question was not settled and that the lottery would be held the next day..../ "On Tuesday Dinizulu made another visit to the Government, but nothing is known of it outside the Executive. These interviews were held in the presence of the Acting President, Mr, Meyer; the Secretary, Mr Esselen; the Commandant-General, Mr Steinkamp, and Mr J van Staden."

/Then goes on the the Liversage criticisms/

179/157 11469 Minutes "It is not easy to understand the ins and outs of this squabble, but the Report is satisfactory as showing that the relations between the Natives and the New Republic are not so strained as Sir H Bulwer has led us to suppose. He is always rather an alarmist. If this report                      ?a true account of these relations the task of settling the affairs of Zululand will be easier than we had believed. " /Bulwer in 11467 says an agreement is contemplated cutting a no. of acres from each farm to increase the Native territory. This should be added to my memo of 300 before it goes to the Cabinet Herbert disagrees however and others. Africa 300 Africa 300 . Memorandum on Zulu affairs



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Bul-Derby 16/6/85 Teleg

/Boers in Zululand in communication with German Consul General at Cape about St Lucia.\_/ "I hear that object of recent proclamation was open door to German interference and Esselen sailed Cape of G H , believed that object is enter into arrangements with German empire."

Minutes /He'll soon learn that German have renounced claims, desp went on 21/5\_/

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1951

and Jerry, 1951, 1952

There is a small island in the middle of the lake, about 1/2 mile long and 1/4 mile wide. It is covered with a dense growth of trees and shrubs. The island is situated in the middle of the lake, and is surrounded by water. It is a very small island, and is not very high. It is a very beautiful island, and is a very good place to visit. It is a very good place to visit, and is a very good place to visit.

Written by Jerry, 1951, 1952

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*Esselen*

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Nolll Bulwer to Derby 22/6/85 pl10

/Received info that Mr Esselen Sec to New Republic left camp on 4/6 ostensibly to go to C Town but really to further a scheme to get German protection for the N Republic. Boer Exec Comm sold farm to ~~provide~~ ~~provide~~ funds. 1/6 Meyer opened v'raad which confirmed the protest sent to England and commission sent to lay out twonship at St Lucia the secretary bein a Piaccigalli, ex-officer in the ~~H~~astrian serve. I enclose my letter of protest, and saying that occupation would not be permitted.\_/

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No 4 "Document left at the Colonial Office by D.J.Esselen, Exq., on 17th July 1885.#

(Translation)

Be it hereby make known that Daniel Johanees Esselen, State Secretary of the New Republic in South Africa, is empowered by the Government of the said New Republic to as ~~pr~~ex representatibe Charge d' Affaries and Plenipotentiary with the other States and Powers in Europe and elsewhere.

/Given by L J Meyer State President on 5/6/85 and confimed by Resolution of the ~~V~~olksraad. \_/

Minutes " I suppose this has been left here by Mr. Esselen We havenot yet recongized the "NewRepulbic" as a State qulaified to send a Plenipotentiary"

A W L H 18/7

"Sir Charles Mills left this with me requesting that ~~he~~ may be allowed to

introduce Mr Esselen <sup>to</sup> ~~as~~ the Secreatry of State, not thereby connecting himself in any way with the object of Mr Essèlen's mission.../Herbert 20/7\_/

/Esselen is to come tommorw in his private capacity\_/

2Interview tih Mr Esselin took place today. I declined to recongise hims an accredit4d represstatative & told him that I could only consider him~~x~~ as a private citizen, & would listen to his views as such. He is to send in a memorandom ....." Stanely 1/8/85



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Esselen

GH 694

Undated and unsigned private and confidential copy of interview with Esselen. He answered a series of questions. He is on his way to Cape Town. Matters are well settled in Zululand, Lucas Meyer, who is influential with the natives, and respected by the whites is President. The country does not want to be annexed by Natal, Transvaal, or the British Government who would mismanage native affairs. The Natives are satisfied with the arrangements for the farmers have reduced their farms by 400 acres from every 2000 morgen which gives them enough room and Dinuzulu is ~~is~~ and the Chiefs are quite satisfied. They are not in treaty with Germany over St Lucia, and there is nothing strange in their claiming it as a free port after "Our principal reasons for issuing the proclamation was to prevent the Transvaal Government who was in treaty with Germany respecting St Lucia Bay, from laying claim to same." We claim St Lucia because the British repeatedly disowned the country and we entered into treaty with its rightful owners. and the British Government has issued no protest.

He has no idea where Schiel or Einwald are and does not think it will be well for them to appear in the Republic New

/Sent to S of S 14/7

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"This is important. It might be put into type for Cabinet - though not to be published, It makes in <sup>favour</sup> // of leaving Zululand to stew in its own juice, The majority of the Boers don't want us. E F 14/8

Bramston ~~can~~ thinks it was made for the Gov's ears and it is not printed. /

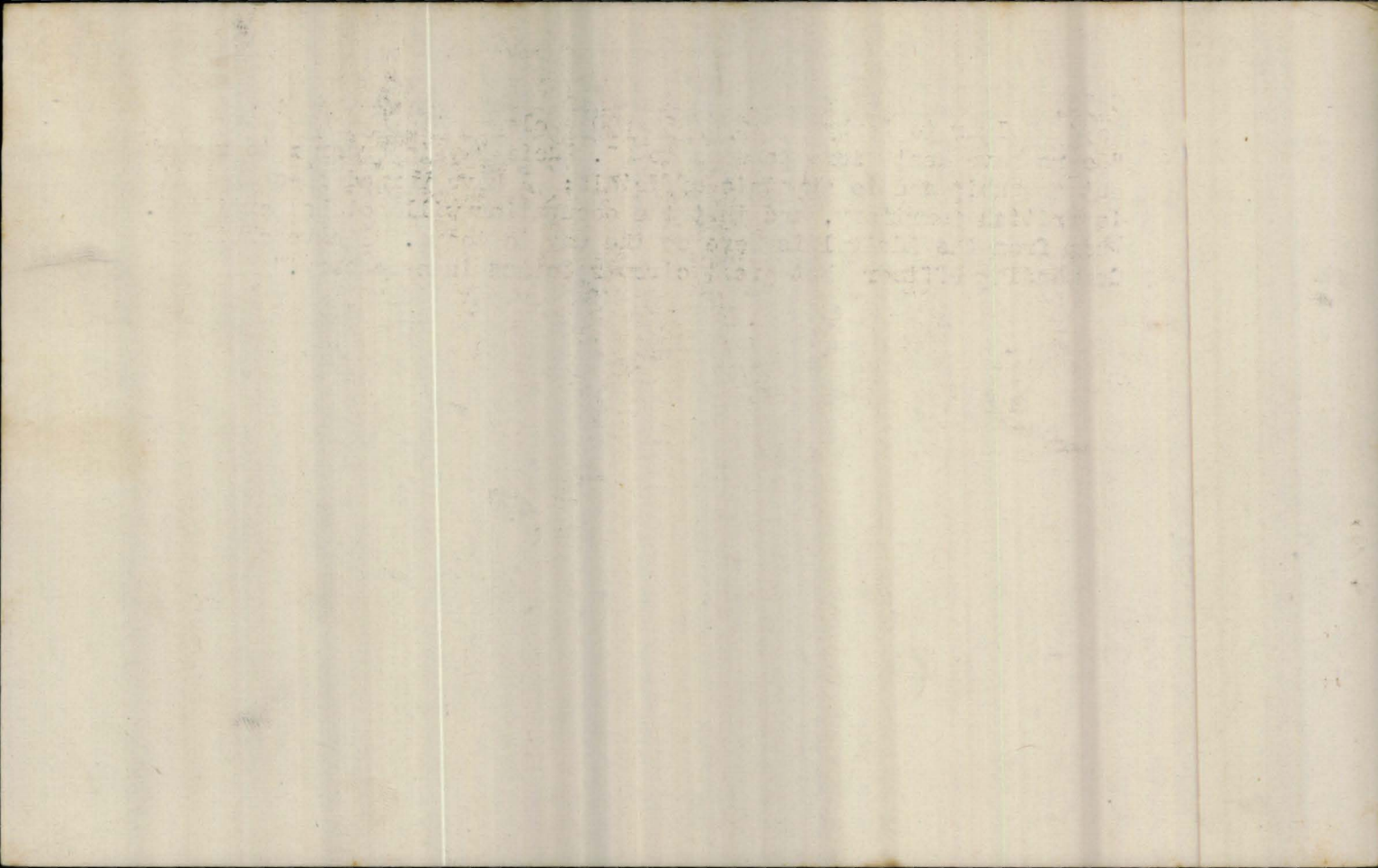


*Box of St Lucia*

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No94 Bulwer to Derby 26/6/85 p90 Teleg

"Boers have sent some persons to S<sup>t</sup>. Lucia Bay in order ~~x~~ to ~~x~~ mark out township and to appointe officials; I have warned them that it is British territory, and that the occupation will not be permitted. Ship from the Admiral is here on the way to there. I have cautioned Commanding Officer that great circumspection is necessary."





1507: St Lucia

C4587

Noll7 Bulwer to Derby 14/7/85 pl19

" I am told that the reasons which induced Mr. Lucas Meyer and the leaders of the 'New Republic' to issue their proclamation of the 30th April repgarding St. Lucia Bay were partly in order to forestall the Government of the South African Republic in any claims it might set up to that part of the coast, and partly an idea that by proclamaing St Lucia Bay a free port the attntion of foreign powers would be drawn to the fact, and that the German Government ~~xxx~~ might be disposed to follow out its previous plans and to treat with the Boers of the 'New Republic' for the Bay wiht a full recongition of all their land claims."





Bias: St Lucia

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~~XXX~~ No7 Bulwer to Derby 21/7/85 p9 (20/8)

/Info recieved confirms Noll7 in 4587 that 8-10 Boers are surveying round the St Lucia with the view of laying out a township. This is despite the warning they recieved as they do not believe the British will interfere. Esselen ~~is~~ is admitted has gone to Europe to, among other things represent the claims of the N Rep to St Lucia to HmG which if he gets an unsatisfactory reply will turn to other powers especially the German Government to bring the matter to arbitration as they feel proper occupation will be a strong point in their favour.

Has hear that Boers are beginning to settle on farms; Conrad Meyer in Hmau's country. /

[G4645 Has the letters on which this is based]





Doc. - ~~St Lucia~~ Claims to Zulu

C4587 4645

Nol3 Bulwer to Derby 28/7/85 p13 (26/8)

Ref to No 7 Surveying party to St Lucia delayed by dispute between ~~Edw. Henderson~~ Boers who are opposed to doing anything that might bring them into conflict with the British. Lucas ~~eyes~~ held that the British were not serious about the Bay and opposition was thus overborne. /14\_

"I hear that several of the persons engaged in the Boer enterprise in Zululand are persuaded that sooner or later the British Government will take over the whole country, but they hope that before this is done their position and their hold on the country will be such that the Government will be obliged to recognise their claims; whilst there are many who not only expect but desire annexation by the British Government. The authorities of the 'New Republic' in their turn are opposed to this idea, and give out that should the burghers ask for British rule it will be made known that only a certain number out of the 800 persons claiming farms have any strict right to such a claim; and this threat, it is said, is held out to prevent burghers who are favourable to British annexation from taking any step to invite it."

GH 694. [Two letters from A. Moore giving info on the surveying party he met. Zulu intend to murder a few families & their fighters Bondi.]

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Minutes seen

Bulwer to Derby 28/7/85 /Forwards letters received by H Shepstone from A Moore , trader recently in Zululand

Enc2 Moore to SNA 19/7/85

/Meat party of Boers at Kwamagwa<sup>a</sup>? who were going to hunt at St Lucia Bay but it came out that they were infact going to lay out a Township Gives info on the Boers who are steadily occupying the country.

Enc3 Moore to SNA 28/7/85

/Zulus say they are going to let the Boers settle under protest and then murder them\_/



Ubu/My/Hau

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No15 Bulwer to Stanley 4/8/85 ol4 (2/9)

*GH694 by his  
Buzi doctor*

/Info from Cardew states that a native recently at Mnyamana's kraal states that while there two Natives brought in, one belonging to Hmau and the other to Z and it was alledged that they were communciating with each other to a ~~com~~ combination against the U<sup>u</sup>suthu. They were shot by order of Dinuzulu. He also states that on about 12/7 he met 14 U<sup>u</sup>suthu horsemen and five whites, icncluding two Englaish,

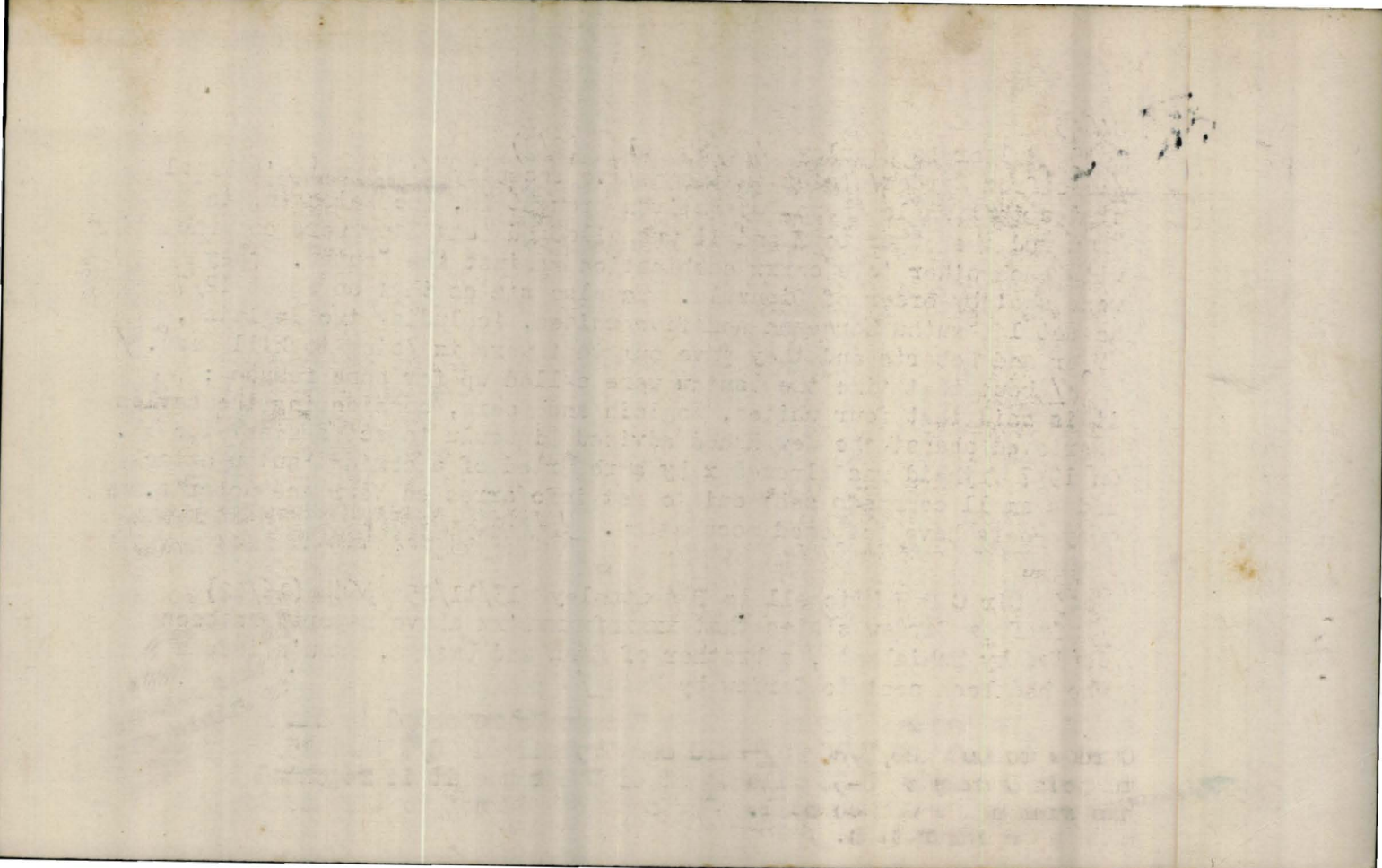
Vear and Roberts and they gave out that were ~~to~~ going to kill Hmau. /

/About that time the Usuthu were called up for some reason ; it is said that four whites, Englsih and Boers, considering themsevles aggrieved aganst the New R had advised Dinuzulu to act against the NR. On 19/7 Vryheid was alremed ~~to~~ by a reported of a coming U<sup>u</sup>suthu attack and a small commando sent out to get info arrested Vear and Roberts. May Boers have posponed occupation. /

No43 Sir C B H Mitchell to F A Stanley 13/11/85 p68 (16/12)

/Info from Cardew states that ~~two of Hmau's~~ above report has been denied by Tshiabantu, a brother of Hmau and Umanga, Hamu's induna who had been sent to Cardew by Hmau. /

GH694 /Letter from Cardew of info B says he reported in his desp of 4/8 Cardew to Osb 28/7/85 /<sup>u</sup>heard from Vryheid dd 24/7 that 15 men just left to join Commando 30-38 miles east of V becasue it is reported that Dinuzulu has summoned a war council. The commando is not to take action but to make a demosntration. /





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Bulwer to Stanely 16/8/85

/Advisable sto stay through leg Council session which end about 7/9 after which  
can come home\_/

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"And informe Sir A Hagelock by telegraph that it will be convenient for him  
to be in England about the end of October to confer with Sir H ulwer



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1890

1890 to 1891

At the same time, the 1890-1891 season, which was about 1890-1891.

can be seen.

1890-1891

"And in the 1890-1891 season, the 1890-1891 season, which was about 1890-1891.

to be in the 1890-1891 season, the 1890-1891 season, which was about 1890-1891.

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~~17841~~

FO to Co 17/8/85

FO to C Scott Berlin 4/8/85 /Esselin State Secreatary of the Boer New repubic has had a interview with Standely who refused to see him officialy It is antcipated that Esselin will now go to Berlin and if he does will you request the German Minister for Foreign Affaris to refer him to Her Majesty's Government.

Scoot to M of Salisburth 7/8/85 /Esselen has not yet arrived in Berlin but the German press yesterday published account of his visit to Longdon and a protest issued by him in the name of Boer Republic against the claim of Her Majesty to St Lucia bay and also allued to possible negotiations with German Government - so I have given Count Hatsfeldt "a confidential hint of the instuctions which I had recieved from your Lordship" and promsied to ear it in mind.\_/

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179/162 Minutes ~~Sta~~

FO to CO 2/9/85

Malet to FO 28/8/85 / Have been ifnromed that German FO have recieved Esselin only as a private person/ "He asked for the assistance of the German Government to obtain the recongition of the New Boer Republic and was informed that Germany had withdrawn by Treaty her protest against the hoisting of the British flag at St Lucia Bay, and he he must adress himsefl to the British overnment."







Kesselen - 80

C4645

No27 CO to DJ Esselen 13/10/85 p43

/In reply to No23 in which you request official refusal to receive you in your official capacity Col Stanley aksed me to inform that <sup>in writing</sup> /"the circumstances have not changed since he had the pleasure of meeting you at an informal interview soon after your arrival in this country. As he then explained to you, it gave him personal satisfaction to make your acquaintance, and to hear the opinions and statement of fact which you especially well qualified to place before him; but HMH were (as they still are) not prepared, with the information before them, to recognize, as duly established, the Republic which you and others purport to have formed in Zululand, or to receive officially a gentleman commissioned to act as its Representative and Plenipotentiary. /HMG have with anxiety the reports of recent events in Zululand which threaten the safety of the Reserve, and not only interfere with British territory at St Lucia but might in event prejudice order and good government in Natal and they want to consider the whole subject fully/

In order to assist them in doing so, Colonel Stanley has desired Sir Henry Bulwer, the Special Commissioner for the affairs of Zululand, who was about to return to this country, to hasten his departure. He is expected to arrive here during the next month, and Colonel Stanley will then confer with him, and consider with his colleagues what steps should be taken in order to secure in the best practicable manner British and other interests in Natal and Zululand.

~~Colonel Stanley desires me to add that he appreciated the difficulties~~



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No30 D.J.Esselen to Colonial Office. 20/10/85 p44

/Regrets the HMG cannot with the info recognise the New Republic and that he cannot stay for Bulwer's arrival. Enclsies facts on the establishment of the NR and warns CO against accepting the statements and rumours circulated in Natal and finding their way into the B Books. The formation of the NR is the best settlement of the Zulu question that could be devised. Must not believe ~~pr~~ reports of dissension amongst Boers and that a large party would welcome British annexation for the burghers of the NR are contented and harmonious under the present Government. My Agent in this country will be James Falconer, Writer to the Signet, of Edinburgh.

Enc Memo of facts regarding the formation, constitution and position of the NR in SA.

/Zululand had been reduced to bloodshed, poverty and misery <sup>by 1884</sup> ~~and on the death of Cet the~~ ~~suthu were determined to renew the war~~ against Z and H. In April 1884 the Boers who formed the nucleus of the NR appeared in Zululand for many appeals had been made to the Boers by the <sup>u</sup>suthu that they should establish peace. Because of this and the destruction on the border the Boers were forced to do something in self-defence. But recognising the claims of the British Government they were reluctant to do anything until the Govt declared they had no responsibility beyond the Reserve and declined to interfere./

"That declaration having been made, and there being no hope of an end to the troubles otherwise, the Boers decided to send into Zululand several of the oldest and most experienced of their number, who had



lived among the Zulus all their lives and were familiar with their language and ways, with the view of ascertaining what settlement would be most likely to bring about a lasting peace. /At great danger to themselves they inquired of the people of Zululand H's and Z's as well as Cet's - and came to the conclusion that the only satisfactory settlement would be the ~~crushing of Dinuzulu and H and Z~~ establishment of Dinuzulu on his father's throne and the ~~crushing of~~ subjugation of H and Z XEROS THE REST.

179/162 18482 Minutes on above

"Mr Esseln contradicts the statements of Sir Henry Bulwer that a majority of the Boers of the New Republic are in favour of British annexation. This is probable enough. We were told the same thing about the Transvaal Boers; at a later period the majority proved to be against it. We had better not interfere with the New Republic on the assumption that we shall have willing subjects, or that we shall be able thereby to reduce our Natal Garrison."

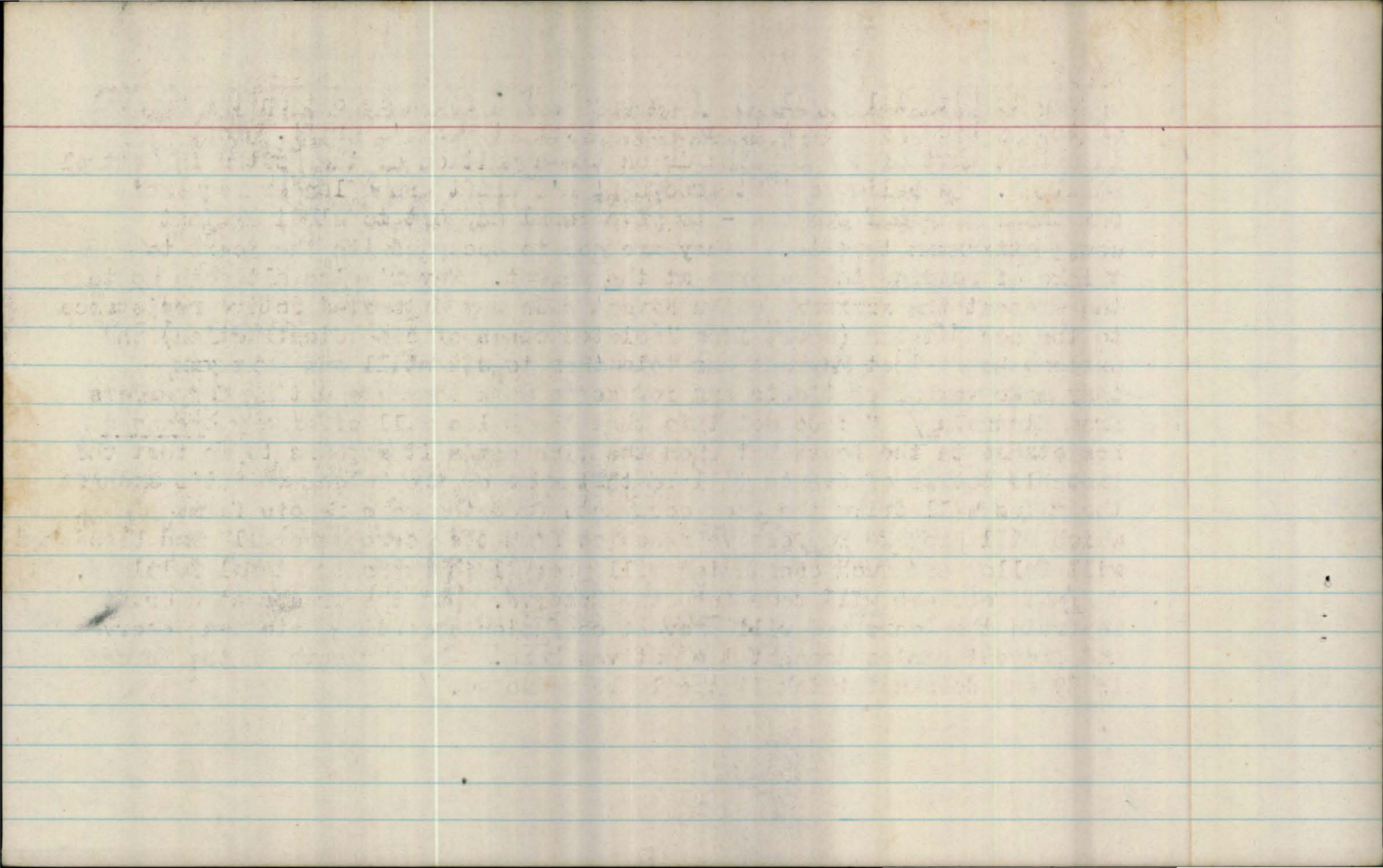
EF 21/10

"This is a clever paper from Mr. Esselen's point of view, but his statements must ~~be~~ I think be taken with a good many grains of salt" Herbert 22/10 /Print ~~x~~ Send a copy to Havelock Havelock is coming to see Herbert / "Until we have conversed with Sir H Bulwer on the whole question it seems unprofitable to discuss further in minutes the difficulties which beset the situation in Zululand." Herbert 29/10

Cardew : on 5/4

GH695

Cardew to Mithc~~all~~ 3/11/85 /Has been asked for a report on the removal of troops because a case of enteric fever at "orke's drift. Most important part of the ~~despatch~~ is on the condition of the <sup>U</sup>suthu in Central Zululand. He believes that troops at R's drift are no longer required for their original purpose - to give moral support to Hlubi against usutu ~~attacks~~ threats. They are now too occupied with the Boers to think of raiding the reserve at the moment. Nevertheless although up to the present the ~~Boers~~ suthu have not made any organized active resistance to the occupation (apart from isolated cases of crop destruction) and Cardew hears that Mnymana has told them to sit still and ~~make~~ they make verbal protests and refuse to work they are waiting for orders from Dinuzulu / " I do not think that the Zulus will offer any organized resistance to the Boers but when the time comes it appears to me that the probable course of events will be that some of the bolder spirits amongst the Zulus will drive the Boer occupants from the more remote farms which will provoke repressive measures from the Boers generally and bloodshed will follow and much confusion will prevail throughout Central Zululand, " /and refugees will come into the Reserve. But the Troops at R drift restrain the Boers and will prevent confusion spreading into the Reserve and prevent panics amongst the natives here. The strength of the force is 59 and does not think it should be reduced. /





GH695

/A series of letters from Cardew who is forwarding letters and comments from St V Erskine on what is going on in Zululand between the Boers and the Usthu. Long and complicated ~~but~~ but Mithcell forwarded them to S of S confidentially on 24/11/85 ~~and they were~~ where no doubt they can be found if I want to use them later.

Following this is a map of the New Republic and a list. The map is headed "General plan of ~~the~~ all farms taken up by the Government of the New Republic Zululand and ridden off by the land Commissioner's \* Compiled from the Official Record's By me St Vincent Erskine (Government Surveyor (Natal. Assistant by Messrs Orllep - Kelly - Andrews - Emmett - and Pizzishelli - Secretaries to Commns Blocks A B C D E /This map doesn't seem to tie up with any of these produced in the BPP Also lists of Names of Boers East of the Babanongo and in Blocks A B C D E

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Minutes "The Boers are acting after their king, & as might be expected"

/Print and let Bulwer and Havelock have copies Hemming 22/12/

"So proceed - but it seems a stretch (enc.8) to say that the "New Republic" is a civilised Government --

/Circulated and sent to the Cabinet/ Herbert minutes on 11/1/86 that "These papers give strong additional reasons for restoring order."

Mithcell to Stanley confidential 24/11/85 Printed copies

