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Mr. A. Paton,
23 Lynton Road,
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NATAL.

Paton : HOFMEYR

Dear Alan,

After trying several people, even the groundsman at Fernwood, I have found Mr. Harry Lawrence the most informative about Hofmeyr's captaincy of the Parliamentary Cricket XI. Very few records are extant and things were very informal in the beginning, but it is his firm impression that Hofmeyr was captain throughout his parliamentary career from the time matches were first played at Fernwood (which was bought by Parliament in about 1935, when Hofmeyr immediately had his eye on the field for his cricket team according to Lawrence, but the field was not immediately given over to cricket.) He thinks 1937 would be about right.

When Hofmeyr was not there, Dr. Vernon Shearer or others captained the side, but if Hofmeyr was there he was automatically captain - again according to Lawrence.

Would you correct page proofs accordingly?

Yours sincerely,

David

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