



NATIVE BILLS 1936

*This related
sandy to the
whole question of
land ownership
by Indians etc*

11.5.36 Sastri writes from Annamali University:- "I cannot forget - how can I - what a staunch friend you have been of my countrymen. If your mother remembers me yet, would you be so good as to tell her that, great as her ambition is on your behalf, it has been nobly realised and she can be proud that she has given to South Africa a son who can fight for an alien people's freedom with the same passion and selflessness with which so often and so gloriously her ancestors have shed their blood for their own".

20.4.36 Six Africans wrote from Witbank

'n ieder Nasie het sy reg
al is hy nog so swak
en sleg. Daar is 'n
oog wat alles merk. Hy
set die onreg paal en
perk, hy kyk ook ons
verdrukken na, en waak
ook vir Suid Afrika.

16.4.36 Rev. K.M. Nkabinde writes:- "My dear Minister, Though knowing nothing in the affairs of this world, I write you from my heart in appreciation of your statesmanship and above all for your fear of God whose creature you are.

13.4.36 Prof. Jabavu:- "I cannot keep quiet but feel I must write you a personal and confidential letter of congratulation over your splendid stand for right in the final debate on the Native Bills

10.4.36 Bantu Methodist Church:- "On behalf of (?) Church I quite agree that the passing of such a Bill into law marks the real beginning of racial strife, because it places a native in a position of suspicion, fear, and doubt towards a white man."

7.4.36 Raikes wrote a warm letter: Ernest Baker wrote:- "I am grateful for your speech and stand. Your conscience bears witness. You have done the right thing and thousands of your fellows say 'Amen' to it. Yours gratefully, admiringly, and eternally." Saul Solomon wrote:- "Above all, the of the black man is upon you and all is well."

26.11.35 Prof. Jabavu writes fearing the abolition of the Cape Native Franchise and willing to compromise rather than accept group voting. Will put his plans before the Cape Native Voters' Convention. Is prepared to accept a separate roll provided it contains enfranchised voters. Suggests the following qualifications:- (1) Monogamy: (2) Standard of living: (3) Test equal to J.C.: (4) £100 per annum: (5) £200 property: (6) Chiefs, Headmen, past or present members of General. District, or Local

Councils, Advisory Boards, Reserve Boards, Ministers of religion, School-teachers, Policemen, Warders, Prison Guards, Pensioners, Members of the Native Labour Corps, etc. "It strikes me as being better than to lose the whole front, for we would then keep intact the Hofmeyr Act, which is the foundation of personal and individual liberty now seriously threatened by the Bills in their present form."

2.12.35

H. wrote to Jabavu, not very hopeful about getting such a suggestion accepted. Suggested that Jabavu and his colleagues discuss it with Gen. Smuts without whose backing nothing will be done.

25.8.36

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F.S. Malan has heard rumours that H. will resign. Would not be surprised because PM would work with great difficulty with people who differ from him in opinion. Hopes H. will not have to resign. Never regrets his own step. However, he is old, and H. is young. "Your attitude may temporarily cause you worry and anxiety, but I trust it will not make you hesitate or doubt. There are higher things than political success."

18.8.36

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Natal Witness asked H. to confirm report of the formation of a Liberal Party, promising full support.

20.6.36

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H. to Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh:- Thanks K. for letter. "If we Europeans persist in our present attitude, we shall have little assurance of the continuance of our own civilisation in this land. I think the Asiatic Land Tenure Act just passed by Parliament marks a real step forward."