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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th ultimo re Temperance Campaign.

With regard to your 1st point, viz., whether the drink prohibition meets with the approval of the majority of people under my rule: it is universally accepted that there will always be two views, equally strong, on this point - one for and the other against, but in my own country, in political and judicial discussions on this point in my experience I have never heard one voice raised in protest against prohibition.

Your second question was whether there was a large or small amount of evasion. With regard to the "Kaffir Beer", there is a large amount of evasion, but with regard to the Europeans liquors it is very very seldom that a case comes up of a member of the Tribe seen drinking the beer.

I think the above remarks answer the point raised in your fourth paragraph. I can definitely affirm that as far as my people are concerned the principle of prohibition is very greatly appreciated, though its application

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is meeting difficulties and failures. As far as we can see out here, evidence of the advantages from prohibition can be collected with ease, and on the other hand I cannot think of any disadvantages caused thereby.

With regard to your last question whether it is possible to effectively prohibit indulgence in beer, my considered reply is positively in the negative, but I would add that I am strongly in favour of legislation against the free use of beer because, if nothing else, it discourages the practice.

Trusting the above remarks answer the points raised by you.

Yours faithfully,