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Office of the Resident Magistrate

Serowe.

6th September 1928.

Headman Edirilwe Seretse

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My Friend,

With reference to the case sent in by the Chief Tshekedi concerning a woman, Balopi, who is alleged to have hanged herself I have received a report from Francistown to the effect that the Doctor went out to the place where she is buried and everyone refused to help him and his guide ran away into the bush so that he had to return to Francistown without doing anything. In this case it is very important to have the body exhumed as it will soon be revealed whether she hanged herself or not and I am asking the Doctor to go out again and he will take two prisoners from Francistown to dig up the body.

I think it is better for you to send a man of influence from here to Francistown to go with the Doctor. A man who can deal with the people there. I shall be glad if you can do this and I will send him to Palapye by Motor Lorry this afternoon at 2 p.m. and he will be given a Railway ticket to Francistown. As the Doctor made a trip for nothing the first time and the Government will have to pay I think the people who refused to help should be made to pay this.

This case was sent to me by the Chief and it is wrong for the Chief's people to refuse to help and I think they should be punished.

With greetings

I am
Your Friend
G Mottelton
Resident Magistrate.