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Chief Tchekedi,
Palapye, Bechuanaland.

Dear Sir,

In theinterests of Temperance legislation I am anxious to learn what success has attended the efforts to enforce Prohibition within your territory.

I should like to learn if its enforcement meets with the approval of the majority under your rule: if there is a large or small amount of evasion, or if it can be accepted that its observance is general.

I recollect very well how Khama took steps to see that his tribesmen were protected from the enticements of liquor when they sought employment outside your territory; and those working in Klerksdorp were under the protection of Thomas Leask, the leading merchant, who had to notify the Magistrate and the liquor sellers that Khama's men must not be sold liquor; and this was rigidly complied with.

I should also like to know if there is any justification for the contention that indulgence in Beer must be regarded as a tribal custom, interference with which is undesirable: or, would Prohibiton if applied be beneficial to the native races.

I believe your territory is the only one in which enforcement has been tested out, from which definite evidence can be offered of it's advantages or otherwise.

In your opinion would it be reasonably possible to effectively prohibit indulgence in Beer in the wide territories of the Rhodesias.?

I shall greatly appreciate your report and your views upon these points.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

W. Carnichaels.