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"The Chessels"
Plympton Road
Plumstead
Cape Town.

May 26th 1936.

My dear Tshekedi

You will be surprised to note that I am staying in Cape Town, where I have been called by Mrs Jennings who is very ill. A month ago when she was at Cradock with me, she developed a very high blood pressure and heart-affection & the Doctor ordered her away to the coast immediately, as the altitude of Cradock was too great for her health. I hoped then that she would be able to stay with one of her married nieces until I had finished my work at Cradock, but the husband of her niece was transferred to Natal, & I had to leave everything and come here & make a home for her at the Cape.
As a matter of fact her health is very bad indeed, and her blood pressure is dangerously high - 270 - and she needs the greatest care & attention if she is to continue to live. The Doctor fears that she may have a stroke at any time, & the greatest care has to be exercised by her not to get

overtired or excited, & she is not allowed to entertain friends etc so as to conserve her remaining strength.

You know that all our children are away from us, and none of them can come to assist in nursing her, as they have their own families to attend to.

It leaves me alone to nurse her & try and help her over this different period.

You will see that in these circumstances it is not possible to leave her alone, & I shall not be able to come up to Lobatsi during the period of the Commission in July. I very much regret that I cannot do so, but my duty is to Mrs Jennings in her period of need.

I saw Mr Buchanan today and told him the circumstances, and also that if it were possible for me to give him any suggestions or advice on the matter he could rely upon my good services in that connection.

I have been so busy recently at Gadoes that I have had little time for correspondence. I was however very thankful for the cheque you

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forwarded to Mrs Jennings for the sale of a part of our cattle ~~xxx~~ at Serowe and I shall be grateful when you can send us the money for the balance of them. We have not yet been able to go into our house at Plumstead, but we hope to do so at the end of the month of June. We shall then have to buy our furniture etc, & the cash from the cattle will come in very usefully for that purpose.

You will see that I am very much concerned on Mrs Jennings account. It is different for us in our old days to keep going, in a big City where we have no friends.

If you are coming to Cape Town at any time, be sure & let me know in good time as I should be sorry not to see you. If you were alone, & we are in our little house at Plumstead, you know how welcome you always are to a bed &c in my home.

We send our united love to both you & your wife and to Semane.

God bless & keep you all, my dear Son -

Your affec friend

Albert E. Jennings.