





AGENTS FOR THIS PAPER IN THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS, Beaufort, Cape Town, Durban, Natal, Port Natal, Somerset, Stellenbosch, Tugela, Tynningburg, Worcester.

THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN. CAPE TOWN, DECEMBER 2, 1844.

PAPERS from Natal up to the 8th of November have been received, of which several Extracts will be found hereunder. It appears that several of the Emigrants, headed by one JOUBERT, have been at Delagoa Bay, where they found Mr. SMELLEKAMP, well known as the Super Cargo of the *Brazilia*. On their return to Natal, and having made public their occurrences, as also that the Governor of Delagoa Bay had allowed them to occupy certain lands in the interior, and would allow them to trade by Delagoa Bay, many of the Emigrants seem to prepare themselves to "trek" further on towards that place; this says the *Natalist*, has become general, and nothing can stem the torrent.

Original Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF "DE ZUID-AFRIKAAN."

DU TOIT'S KLOOF. Cape Town, 20th November 1844.

Sir—With great pleasure I read in your paper of the 20th October last, the Petition of the Landed Proprietors and other respectable Inhabitants of the District of Worcester, praying that the funds about being levied on their property, may in the first instance be employed towards the opening of Du Toit's Kloof, as a main road. Every person acquainted with the Divisions of Worcester and Beaufort, will readily admit that the facts stated in said petition are correct, and that the prayer is in every respect reasonable and in due form, and consequently deserves every support of our Honorable Secretary to Government and the other members of the Central Board of Public Roads. In the mean time I am of opinion that for the advancement of said line of road it would be desirable and even necessary, that the Stellenbosch Division Board should recommend to His Excellency, and the Central Board, to extend the line of road through the flats—between the place Stikland in a right line, across the place Kruis pad and the outspan place Zoonhoop, to the Paarl, and from thence with a bridge across the Berg River to "Du Toit's Kloof," and to proclaim the same as a main road, whereby not only a straight line of road would be opened through the Districts of Worcester and Beaufort to the Metropolis as has been pointed out in said petition, but the same would also be the best and shortest road to the Paarl and adjoining Fieletonriet, and Groot and Klein Drakenstein, Dal Josaphat, b hind the Paarl, Klipmuts, Botsjager, &c., from which places the greatest quantities of wines and other produce are annually brought to Cape Town, across very bad and partly sandy roads, whilst, if necessary, this main road, might, with little expense, be attached to the Town of Stellenbosch, by a branch road in the vicinity of the place Mulder's Valley, passing the place Noutgedacht. Besides the said road being of great utility to the said places, the same would become equally useful to the Inhabitants of Franschhoek, who would prefer travelling this straight road than to pass over Banghoek and the Stellenbosch Kloof; as also to the Inhabitants of Wagon-makers Valley, to whom the distance is the same, they having always made use of this line, before they had purchased the outspan place Ligtengberg.

Worcester, Nov. 19, 1844. Sir—Considering it due to myself to lay before those who may have heard the slander lately circulated against me, a short statement of the proceedings had in the Circuit Court holden for this division, I would beg of you to insert in Dutch and English the accompanying Documents.

I think upon a perusal of these Documents, it will be evident that there has been a plot got up for the express purpose of ruining both my private and professional character. Upon what grounds, I leave others to judge. I could make mention of many facts which could be proved, all of which would go to show the intent of those who spread the slander, but abstain from doing so, presuming that these Documents will be quite sufficient to refute the calumny.

him to show that some vague suspicions existed on the part of plaintiff, as to the conduct of the defendant, but did not prove the slightest misconduct of his (defendant's) part. On being cross-examined by defendant's counsel, the witness stated, "That the plaintiff had been living with his wife several months before she was supposed to have miscarried, and that he had not the slightest suspicion of her being guilty." At this stage of the proceedings the plaintiff's agent was called on by the Court to state, what amount of damages his client could expect after this evidence.

Dear Sir—According to your request I send you herewith a short statement of the cases brought by you before the late Circuit Court held here, and in which I was employed as your Attorney.

I am most happy in having to give you no favorable report of the result of these cases, and I cannot conceive for what purpose the action was brought against you by John Cameron, when even his own agent declares publicly in Court "that he had no grounds for casting such imputations on your character." and that in with satisfaction withdraws and retracts all such imputations. He must therefore be well aware that Cameron had no grounds for bringing his action; and as his agent stated in Court he had done his utmost to procure Cameron from bringing it, Cameron alone can tell why the action was brought.

Statement of Civil Cases brought by Henry Drew, before the Circuit Court, holden at Worcester, on the 11th November, 1844.

Henry Drew, versus Jan Hendrik Munnik, &c., J. A. Glaeser.

These three actions were brought by the plaintiff for damages sustained by him in consequence of the defendants publishing at different times, and to divers persons, spoken and published of and concerning the plaintiff, certain slanderous words to the effect that, he the plaintiff had been guilty of the crime of adultery, in having had crim. intercourse and connection with the wife of one John Cameron, residing at Worcester.

On the case against J. H. Munnik being called on in Court after Counsel had opened the case, and it being admitted that the plaintiff was a medical man and a District Surgeon, the plaintiff proceeded to call his witnesses. The first witness proved that the defendant had published the slander as laid in the declaration, at Hex River.

On the case against J. A. Glaeser, as agent for J. Glaeser, consented to the above on behalf of the said John Glaeser, defendant in the other action for slander, founded on the same circumstances.

jurisdiction, and vice versa those wishing to live within our limits, to our jurisdiction.

MAJOR SMITH AND DE VOLKSRAAD. UNEXPECTED CONVOCATION OF THE COMMISSION COURT, ON THURSDAY, THE 5th SEPTEMBER.

The Secretary to the Volksraad of Pietermaritzburg, Sept. 4, 1844. Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, conveying to me a Resolution entered into by the Volksraad to compel all Callers who have settled themselves in this country since the arrival of Her Majesty's Troops, to remove from it within fourteen days of their receiving notification to do so; and requesting me at the same time to co-operate with them in carrying this Resolution into effect.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant, T. C. SMITH, Major and Commandant of Natal.

PORT NATAL. IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE INTERIOR—MR. SMELLEKAMP AGAIN.

(From the *Natalist* of the 10th October.) We give this communication as we have received it, without any observations of our own. But there exists no doubt that the whole Country of Natal will be wholly abandoned by its present inhabitants. Where does the fault lie?

NEWS FROM THE DEPUTATION TO DELAGOA BAY. As it certainly will be gratifying to many friends at Natal, to be properly informed as to the fate of the deputation who have repaired to Delagoa Bay, I take the liberty to notify the following by means of the *Natalist*:

Mr. Smellekamp will be again at Delagoa Bay by the middle of July, and bring with him the Clergyman, whose income will be 3000 Rds. per annum.

UNEXPECTED CONVOCATION OF THE COMMISSION COURT, ON THURSDAY, THE 5th SEPTEMBER. (From the *Natalist* of the 11th and 25th Oct.) No sooner had the Volksraad, after their long and arduous labours, broken up, but 3rd letter from Major Smith, addressed to Mr. J. Bodestein, was the cause that a convulsion came among them, and led again to assemble.

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THE PRINCE DE JOINVILLE AND MARSHALL BUGEAUD. The *Moniteur* announces the promotion of the Prince de Joinville to the rank of Vice-Admiral, and intimates that this proof of the Royal favour should be regarded as only the first testimony of His Majesty's satisfaction at the conduct of the Prince and all under his command in the recent operations on the coast of Morocco.

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.—THE TREATY OF PEACE. The Government has received despatches containing the terms of the treaty concluded with Morocco. The text of this treaty will be published. In the mean time, we hasten to apprise our readers of what we have learned.

THE FRENCH AT TAHITI.—CONFLICT WITH THE NATIVES. The Paris *Moniteur* of Wednesday, received by our ordinary express, contains the following unpleasant, but (by us at least) not unexpected intelligence from Tahiti:

This was an action brought by the plaintiff for the recovery of Damages £1000, which the plaintiff had sustained in consequence of the defendant having had crim. con. with his wife.

them, they go to his neighbor, and so on. It is impossible to remedy the evil in this manner. A spot should be pointed out to the Callers, whether they may establish themselves and where they ought to remain. But whether the Inhabitants are allowed to do this, is another question.

These reasons which we (Natalist) consider as well founded, and would not for a moment have hesitated to accept, were however not accepted by the Volksraad; and the Acting Secretary was directed forthwith to order Mr. Pootman in writing, rather to leave his dying patients, than the Raad, labouring under a lingering disease.

The President took the vote, and finds but one who positively declares himself against this deputation. It is Mr. van Aardt, who addresses the meeting shortly in the following words.—I see that I am the only person opposing myself against Mr. Otto's proposal; and consequently my opposition cannot be of any avail, but this will not prevent me from giving my reasons to the Raad, why I cannot consent thereto, and shall ever oppose it.

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