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TO SUBSCRIBERS

In consequence of the change of Proprietors of the "Zuid-Afrikaan"...

TO CORRESPONDENTS

We beg to remind our Correspondents of the necessity of submitting their papers...

For the names of our Correspondents, and the names of our contributors...

THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN

CAPE TOWN, MARCH 4, 1831.

At some time since took occasion to make some observations on the Report of the Commissioners of Inquiry...

Some of the features of the late general change in the Departments effected during the last dying moments of General Bontje's administration...

The question may be asked, in how many and what respects did this *petit* Revolution benefit that large and respectable body of the community...

The Proprietors of the *Zuid Afrikaan* having passed into the hands of Mr. C. N. Neethling, who also acts in the capacity of Printer and Publisher...

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—On Wednesday last, beyond the Public Market, Hendrik Rust, a farmer, formerly residing on the place Kly-gat, Zwartlap, was accidentally run over by his own wagon...

ments. The new Ministry, with a large share of the "loaves and fishes" were invested with the duties of their respective offices...

Yet the measure of injustice was not complete. Such of the public servants as had not drugged quite ten years up to the very hour, were to be thrown out of his employ. This might have been included in the instructions...

We anxiously await the projected modification in the Departments, and trust that its provisions are somewhat more liberal than those which have preceded it...

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Correspondence

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ZUID AFRIKAAN.

THE CAFFERS—DANGER OF SUPPLYING THEM WITH FIRE-ARMS

Albany, Feb. 10, 1831. Just as we expected, Mr. Editor, no sooner does the faction so precautionary measures taken to prevent our restless neighbours getting arms...

It is altogether untrue that any alteration has taken place among the Caffers which will warrant our putting arms into their hands...

Let us consult facts a little. In 1828 the whole disposable force on the frontier amounted to the number of 600 men...

Government, still willing to try their gratitude, and with benevolent views, passed the 40th ordinance, freely admitting them into the Colony as servants...

But it is not true that the interior tribes can procure arms whether we will or not. Dintican is at this moment as well disposed towards the Colony...

THE SLAVE QUESTION—QUERIES

Graham's Town, Feb. 18, 1831.

To the Editors of the "Zuid Afrikaan" and "S.A.C. Advertiser."

GENTLERMAN.—As nothing can be more natural, on perceiving an unwelcome agitation in the state, than to inquire the cause thereof, I send you the following interrogatories...

1. Does any one deny that a property in slaves may be lawfully acquired?—that such property is equally under the safeguard of the law with every other description of private property?

THE PETITION OF THE MERCHANTS To the effect of the 21st February 1831.

As a general desire has been expressed to ascertain the names of the parties who signed the letter to His Excellency, requesting permission for a Public Meeting...

THE NEW MEDICAL TARIFF

REPLY TO "SUFFERER" IN No. 44 OF THE "ZUID AFRIKAAN" Feb. 18, 1831.

SIR.—A "Sufferer" by "Parsons" who undertook in No. 44 of your esteemed Paper to defend the New Medical Tariff, states:—"In the first place, valid patients who really require medical assistance may expect a more ready and certain attendance...

When I come to the word "rich" I expected the sentence would conclude with the remark, that the motives which would influence the doctors in giving them a more ready and ready attendance were very interested ones...

"Sufferer" talks of a pig in a poke. You have heard of course, Mr. Editor, the old phrase of "letting the cat out of the bag." I respect the medical profession too much to insist on the strictness of the allusion...

But in the meanwhile, what are the middling classes to do? They who are too busy, whose hands are too much occupied with routine to be directed by "Parsons"...

Sufferer is particularly unfortunate with respect to his complexion. Speaking of fanciful invalids who are too much occupied with the good luck to escape being plundered of wealth and health by the doctors, he quotes Timothy, whereas Timothy acknowledged no particular illness...

EMANCIPATION HUMBUG

SIR.—In the *Advertiser* of the 24 February last, certain Colonial Placemen and Pensioners have expressed their intention of deploring free all children born of their slaves after the 8th of April next...

It is possible the word rich appeared through oversight, but whether this originated in Sufferer's pen or the compositor's finger, it was instantly impelled the movement for we need not the gift of prophecy to foresee that such patients may expect a more certain and ready attendance.

ENGLISH CHURCH—VENTILATION

Cape Town, 29th Feb. 1831.

SIR.—Many thanks myself will be grateful to you for directing the attention of those concerned to the great danger and inconvenience to which the congregation of the English Church is subjected in consequence of the injudicious manner in which the English Church is ventilated...

REMARKS ON THE LETTER SIGNED "H"

In the *Advertiser* of the 29th Feb.

Cape Town, 29th Feb. 1831. SIR.—After reading the admirable letter signed "H" in last Saturday's *Advertiser*, I was surprised to find that the Editor omitted to inform us...

The late Mrs. Jordan.—Mr. Borden, the well-known author of the *Life of Kemble*, has just completed his *Life of Mrs. Jordan*...

There is at this moment great agitation in Switzerland. According to the *Nonnulli*, the Swiss and the Army the Cantons of Glaris and Tessin have risen in a mass...

POLICE OFFICE, Feb. 22

Maynard v. Ross, for defamation of character.—This was a second edition of the case reported last week. The present action was founded on the Dutch Advertisement signed by the Defendant...

Several other witnesses were called and sworn, but in their opinion Mr. Maynard was injured by the said publication.

Thomas King.—Was in Court on the 9th instant, saw Ross snatch a piece of paper out of Maynard's hand...

Michel de Villiers, proved that the paper in question was a Bank Cheque; that Maynard put it with his hand into his waistcoat pocket; that Ross was obliged to use force in opening Maynard's hand to recover it.

Mr. de Lima for the defence in a very animated speech stated that he should just bring to his Worship's notice one or two authorities from which it would be shown that in cases such as the present, the publication of truth is no libel...

In every action for libel, if specific instances can be stated upon the Record, so as to support the general charge of the libel, the Court would determine as to a sufficient justification of the defendant.

The libel then goes on to say, that "certain documents for the collection of monies entrusted to the plaintiff had been lost." This, the evidence of Mr. Brugnot and the plaintiff's own admission have substantiated...

With regard to the latter part of the libel, the removing the note with intent to pocket it, I conceive that the evidence of Mr. de Villiers and Mr. Page have satisfactorily proved the truth of our assertion...

MARCH 2.—Case of Maynard v. Ross.—Judgment was this day delivered for the Plaintiff—DAMAGES ONE SHILLING!!!

