









THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN.

Cape Town, January 24, 1856.

In to-day's issue we give, in an abridged form, part of the Draft of a Bill to amend the Laws regulating the relative rights and duties of Masters, Servants and Apprentices.

The subject is one of great importance, and it is entitled to proportionate attention on the part of the public. To make it approachable for readers, who have neither time nor inclination to travel through the length and breadth of a bill, that occupies twelve columns of the Government Gazette, we have cut it down to more manageable dimensions, and removing the husks of legal phraseology, we have endeavoured to lay before the public the kernel of plain sense which they contain.

The Draft of a Bill now before the public is doubtless a great improvement on the law of 1841, and by the time it shall have passed through the Assembly and Council, it will have made another approach to that perfection, which, in legislation as in everything else, is unattainable.

To Mr. Molteno belongs the honor of having first stirred up this question from the bottom. An inquiry into the working of the Masters and Servants' law had been instituted so far back as 1849, but the results of that inquiry, embodied in a report, had become a dead letter. It could not be otherwise under a nominal Government. When there is no one to press for reform, inquiries are gone through as a formality, serving at most to appease a grumbling section of the community, and reports full of the most startling details are received with dignified composure and allowed "to lie on the table" like so many stale newspapers.

Be it remembered that when in 1854 the Member for Beaufort stated among other things, that out of 26 Resident Magistrates 21 agreed that the law required to be altered; that out of 37 Justices of the Peace 33 coincided in opinion with the 21 Resident Magistrates, and that out of 40 gentlemen residing in the country 29 considered great alterations in the law highly necessary—when he made these statements, he was only quoting from a document that had been before the Nominee Council five years ago; but the chords which the Member for Beaufort touched on that occasion still vibrate through the Colony, for his hearers were the freely elected representatives of the people.

Though we expect much, we do not expect every thing from the law in its amended form. That law, if it go forth alone, can never fulfill its mission; it requires to be flanked by a bill for putting down the nuisance of squatting, and by another for preventing vagrancy. If simultaneously with such legal enactments a healthy stream of immigration could be directed to our country districts, so as to leave to the native races within the colony no other alternative, than that of honest labor or starvation, then indeed much good would be achieved for all classes of the community.

LATEST EUROPEAN NEWS.—The Hero of the Nile, from England the 23rd November, brings papers to the 27th. From the Seat of War accounts state that the Allied armies were preparing their winter quarters, and that no offensive operations had taken place on either side. The Russians still occupied the Northern forts.

The Turks under Omar Pasha had gained a signal victory over the Russians, on the river Ingour. The Turkish force consisted of 26,000 men, that of the Russians of 16,000 men, but strongly intrenched. Omar Pasha was marching upon Kutais, which place is said to have been evacuated by the Russians who have retired upon Tiflis.

The Russians had sent the greater portion of their baggage to Alexandropol, which seemed to indicate that they were about to raise the siege of Kars. An English paper of the 26th Nov. states—and the report was confidently believed—that the Czar had submitted proposals of peace to the French Government, by whom they were approved, and that a communication to this effect had been made to the British Government. In how far this will prove correct, however, remains to be seen, as we find from the papers that very large additional forces are raised by the Czar, and that at no time during the war was there such activity displayed in the arsenals, foundries and other departments of the empire.

It is said that Prince Menschikoff had been dismissed by the Emperor, who had appointed Count Adelberg II as his successor.

General Codrington had assumed the command of the British army, and General Simpson had left. The rumour that Sir Colin Campbell had resigned, is not confirmed; on the contrary, this gallant officer has declared his determination to rejoin his corps as soon as he shall be able to do so.

Mr. Labouchere has accepted the seals of the Colonial Office, in the room of the late Sir Wm. Molesworth.

A serious accident had occurred in the French camp at Sebastopol. A powder store of the French siege train was accidentally set on fire; the fire communicated itself to the English siege train, and tremendous explosions followed, by which large numbers of French and English officers and men were both killed and wounded.

There appears to be no truth in the rumour which was spread immediately after the arrival of the Hero of the Nile that war between England and America was impending. The latest news from America merely states that the strengthening of the British fleet on the American station, had awakened some ill feeling on the part of the Americans, and that orders had been given for the concentration of a large fleet at or near San Juan.

The question of steam communication with this colony seems to be revived. An extract of a letter from a London House, appearing in a contemporary, states—without vouching for the correctness of this statement—that a tender had been accepted by the government for monthly steamers to the Cape for £36,000.

The bankrupt Pauls, Strahan and Bates had been convicted, and sentenced to fourteen years transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—In the last number of the Gazette, Mr. Cock has been proclaimed as the successful candidate for the vacancy in the Council, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Joubert. The following is the list: Mr. Cock, 181 votes; Mr. Metting, 122; Mr. White, 104.

REPRESENTATION OF WORCESTER.—It is now understood that Mr. Advocate Denysen has consented to become a candidate for the existing vacancy. Mr. Silberbauer who previously stated that he would withdraw, if Mr. Denysen would consent to stand, has consequently now withdrawn.

The contest therefore will now be between Mr. Denysen and Mr. Munik, the only other candidate who has received a requisition.

ALIWAAL, MOSSEL BAY.—The amended regulations for the Municipality of Aliwal Mossel Bay, have been published in the last number of the Gazette.

MALMESBURY AND WORCESTER.—LAND RENT.—Persons in the division of Malmesbury, who had sent in their arrears, are called upon to pay the same before the 1st of March next, in failure whereof they will be prosecuted. Those in arrears in the division of Worcester, are called upon to settle the arrears before the 31st of March.

CITY MUNICIPALITY.—A meeting of Wardmasters will be held on the 31st instant, at 7 o'clock, p.m., to consider the estimates for 1856.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE BANK.—From the published report of the Directors it appears that the net profits realized by the Bank during the past year, amount to £10,467 12 s. The losses incurred during the same period will not, it is presumed, exceed £50 0. It was proposed to apply £7,500 to the payment of a dividend of £5 per share, leaving the balance of £2,967 12 s. at the credit of profit and loss. It is anticipated that this and the profits for the year 1855, will be found sufficient to meet the losses incurred. It is stated that although the Bank had, since its establishment, discounted bills to the amount of £13,769,237, the above was the only loss of any magnitude it had suffered—the loss, by forgery, in 1845, of course being excepted.

WORCESTER.—The election of a Member for the House of Assembly, in the room of Mr. Watermeyer, is at hand, and the public would do well not to allow themselves to be misled by current reports from further carrying out their intentions. It is true that Mr. Denysen at first rejected our invitation, but he has now consented to be put in nomination. It is hardly necessary to say that the entire public are for Mr. Denysen. There cannot be the least doubt therefore as to his return.—Correspondent.

STELLENBOSCH. At a meeting of the subscribers to the Stellenbosch Volunteer Rifle Corps held on the 19th instant, D. J. van Rynveld, Esq., was unanimously called to the chair, and opened the proceedings with an appropriate address nearly in the following words:—

Gentlemen!—It is with extreme pleasure that I respond to your request to preside over this meeting, the object of which I have no doubt you are all well acquainted with. It is a meeting convened for the purpose of establishing a Volunteer Rifle Corps for the protection of life and property in this our district, and whilst I admire your noble spirit and disinterested motives, I cannot refrain from congratulating you on this occasion with the success that has already attended your exertions. I find that the list of subscribers is both numerous and respectably signed, and sincerely hope that your laudable plan will meet the co-operation of the inhabitants, as I feel that it will greatly tend to promote good feeling between all parties and afford security in case of need. Believe me that you may always rely upon my support and co-operation in this noble cause.

C. J. Brand, Esq., our worthy representative in Parliament, who came out solely for the purpose of tendering his assistance on the occasion, then requested that his name may be added to the list of subscribers which gave evident satisfaction to all present. Both himself and Mr. Van Rynveld then joined the corps, and the meeting proceeded to propose the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:—

1. That in order to watch for the protection of our district we form ourselves in a Volunteer Rifle Corps, subject to Regulations to be drawn up by a committee chosen from amongst us and to be approved of at a general meeting of the subscribers.

2. That the following five gentlemen constitute the committee for the above purpose: D. J. van Rynveld, C. J. Brand, O. M. Bergh, Sr., P. H. Faure and C. L. Nestling Esqs.

3. That this meeting be adjourned until Saturday the 2nd of February next at 11 o'clock a.m.

A vote of thanks was then offered to the Chairman who made a suitable reply. The meeting next proceeded to express their thanks to Mr. Brand, for the trouble he has given himself to attend to this meeting, and for his valuable assistance on this occasion, who begged before the conclusion of the proceedings to address a few words to the meeting. After expressing his satisfaction with the whole of the proceedings, the worthy gentleman recommended to the corps to use their utmost endeavours to promote good feeling between all parties by refraining from upbraiding any person who might refuse to join the corps; on this followed an explanation of the contents of the burgher bill, which we only regret was not heard by every individual in our district. The conduct of Mr. Brand will, we have no doubt, obtain that grateful remembrance in the minds of the inhabitants which it so well merits.—Communicated.

Original Correspondence.

Destades River, 9th January 1856.

Sir,—When 20 or 30 years ago lands were granted by the government, small patches of bush were cut out in the centre of the farms; this was perhaps done by the owners of the farms or those who had them surveyed; but perhaps the government had them cut out because 2 or 3 yellowwood trees were found upon them. I believe, Sir, that there are several people who have made application to have these patches of bush added to their farms at a recognition, but without avail. Now, Sir, would it not be much better, or more advantageous, for the government to give all these patches of bush or ground to the owners of the farms at a small recognition, than to allow them to lay waste for 20 or 30 years more without any benefit to the government? To sell this ground would be the greatest injustice which the government could inflict upon us, inasmuch as they are situated in the very centre of the farms; but I do not believe the government will do any such thing, for those patches of bush were reserved because some timber was found upon them, which is no longer in existence, so that I think those patches ought now to belong to the farms.

The Legislative Council should give this a little reflection; but I believe that they apply themselves more to endeavouring to ingratiate themselves in the favour of the government and to obtain high offices, than otherwise.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, A. M. FERREIRA.

Piketberg, Jan. 8, 1856.

Sir,—By allowing this a place in your useful paper, you will exceedingly oblige the oppressed public at this place: INCONSISTENCY OF THE REGULATIONS AT PIKETBERG.—Capt. Hill, owner, let 10 acres, ceding his full right to keep as many head of cattle as he was allowed to keep on the commonage, to JAM PYPER, a poor young beginner, and he, wishing to occupy the property, sent 17 head of cattle to the pasturage. JACOB CHRISTIAN, appointed by the consistory as overseer of water and pasturage, took the cattle to the pound, and PYPER had to pay pound fees, for transgressing certain regulations made by the consistory, of the following tenor:—"No one shall, as owner of an erf, be allowed to cede his right to keep cattle to another."

This is an encouragement to capitalists and owners of landed property, at Piketberg, that you cannot cede the right you have on an erf to the occupant? Is this not directly counteracting the progress of the village of Piketberg? Are these regulations? and where did you ever hear with a civilized people that those who make the law, can be alike judges and transgressors of the law?

Capt. Hill's erfen are all unbuild, save one, and cannot therefore be used for any purpose except agriculture, and how can this be done when you are not allowed to keep cattle, and the owner cannot make over his right to the occupant? Can it be expected that this village will prosper under such regulations? A SUFFERER.

Talbagh, January 19, 1856.

Sir,—I happened to be present at a public meeting held at Talbagh on the 14th instant, to provide for a member of the House of Assembly for the division of Worcester, in the room of Mr. Watermeyer, who resigned, on which occasion Mr. Gildemester, elected to the chair, made a requisition from the inhabitants of the Bokkeveld to Mr. Jan Munik, whilst Mr. Reynolds in the name of the inhabitants of Talbagh and its environs proposed Mr. Advocate P. Denysen, into Secretary to the Municipality of Cape Town, as a candidate.

I would feel obliged to you, Mr. Editor, if you would inform me who has done more good for the Colony, Mr. Munik or Mr. Denysen, I more especially allude to the time in which the convicts were to be landed in the Colony when allegiance to the mother country was put to the test!! AN INHABITANT.

For continuation see Supplement.

Sale.

In the Insolvent Estate of NICOLAAS GERHARDUS COMBRINK.

On Thursday, 7th February next,

THE Undersigned Trustees will cause to be sold on the Spot, with

Liberal Bonus,

the HOUSE and PREMISES belonging to the above Insolvent Estate, together with the STORES adjoining, situate at the Waterkant, in which the Blacksmith's Business has been carried on for many years.

The situation of these Premises, near the Central and Northern Wharfs, need no recommendation, as it is well known to be a very desirable Property, and particularly adapted for the above trade.

The Dwelling HOUSE, situate in the Lane, annexed to the said HOUSE, which has been used as an additional Smith's Shop, and may with very little expense be converted into a Hire House.

On Saturday, the 9th February,

OF THE

STOEP OF THE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE,

A COTTAGE, with a piece of Ground, situate at the Brewery, near Newlands, containing Three Rooms, Hall, Pantry, &c., being a very cool and pleasant Summer Residence, and SIX PLOTS OF GROUND, situate at Newlands.

The Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

The Conditions of Sale and further Particulars may be ascertained, on application being made to the Trustees or the Auctioneers.

B. NORDEN, ) Joint C. J. C. GIE, ) Trustees. Cape Town, 21st January, 1856.

PUBLIC SALE

In the Insolvent Estate of ANDRIES MELLERT DU TOIT, of the Paarl, Shopkeeper.

ON TUESDAY, the 29th instant, of the Insolvent's entire STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising Linen, Woollens, Checks, Shawls, Handkerchiefs, Trowersings, Dresses, Hosiery, Slop Clothing, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Pepper, &c., too numerous to mention, and whatever else may be offered for sale.

J. D. DE LA ROCHE HIEBNER, Sole Trustee.

Paarl, Jan. 15, 1856.

Messrs. DE VILLIERS & HAUPF, Vendue Adms.



SALE OF Thoroughbred Colts.

THE Undersigned has instructed Mr. STAYLER, to sell

ON Tuesday, the 4th March, 1856.

1st At the Place of Mr. A. J. Louw, at the Paarl, Twenty-five SUPERIOR COLTS, bred at his farm GREAT BERG RIVER, out of his well-known Mares, by the THOROUGHBRED HORSES PANTALON, TUGNET, O'CONNELL, YOUNG MORISCO, and the Imported Dutch Horse MOOR.

Among the above Colts, rising 3 and 4 years, are several matches, strongly recommended as combining blood with power.

The stud of the undersigned is so generally known that no comment is considered necessary. M. MELCK. Great Berg River, 22nd Jan. 1856.

Public Sale.

MR. EDWARD STANFORD, of Klein Rivier, intending shortly to leave the Colony, has authorized the Undersigned to sell by Public Auction, on the spot,

ON TUESDAY,

THE 19th FEBRUARY, 1856,

ALL HIS LIVE STOCK,

CONSISTING OF:—

1 1000 Merino Ewes, 600 do. Lambs, in an excellent condition, 18 large Draught Oxen, 8 for the Butcher, 2 Milch Cows, 1 young Bull, thoroughbred; 5 Saddle and Draught Horses, including 1 Arabian Stallion, 1 Buggy, Copper Mounted Harness complete, 1 team of Horses, complete, 1 Wagon with everything complete, 4 Ransome and Howard's Ploughs, Household Furniture of every description; also, 100 Muids of Wheat, 80 do. Barley, 5000 Oatsheaves, and what further may be offered.

THEO. OSTERLOH, Auctioneer.

Caledon, 5th Jan. 1856.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE Undersigned being authorized thereto by Mrs. the widow of the late SCHALK WILLEM BUNDA, W. A., Esq., will cause to be publicly sold on the 20th February next, on the Farm Kardou, ward Ollants River, District of Clanwilliam, and on the following:—

70 head of breeding Cattle, 50 draught Oxen, 9 breeding Horses, 3 saddle Horses, 400 Sheep and Goats, 5 Wagens.

Further, Household Furniture, in Wardrobes, Tables, Chairs, Bedsteads, &c., Agricultural and civil Implements, Smith's Tools, Kitchen Utensils, Ploughs Harrows, &c.

H. J. LIND, Vendue Adm.

Clanwilliam, Jan. 19, 1856.

Mr. OLOFF BRAGH, Auctioneer.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE

Landed Property,

IN CAPE TOWN.

In the Insolvent Estate of FANBURG, CAROL FRYS VAN KORTVELD DU CAHOE, Chemist and Druggist.

ON MONDAY, the 4th day of FEBRUARY 1856, at 11 o'clock precisely, will be sold prematurely to the highest Bidder, by the rise only, with Liberal Bonus.

That substantially built DWELLING HOUSE, situated at the corner of Bree and Wale streets, in the immediate vicinity of Hottentotsbosch. The Property of the said Insolvent, where a DISPENSARY BUSINESS has been carried on with good success during the last 16 years. The House contains 12 Rooms, including a Bath Room, Kitchen with Hotplate, Private Waterleading, and all other requisites for a respectable Residence.

W. C. A. MOLLER, Sole Trustee. Cape Town, January 9, 1856.

Public Sale

A Capital Farm, Live Stock, &c.

MIDDLE BOSCHJESVELD.

DIVISION OF WORCESTER.

THE Undersigned, authorized thereto by Mr. WILLEM VAN DER VYVER, will sell by public auction, on

Friday and Saturday,

the 25th and 26th JAN. 1856.

His well known Farm called

"LE CHASSEUR."

In Middle Boschjesveld, division of Worcester, very agreeably situated along the Great Breede River, running through the whole farm.

This Farm measures

7172 MORGEN.

And is about equidistant from the Towns of Worcester a Swellendam, on the Main Road to the Interior and near the Villages of Robertson, Lady Grey and Montagu, and is one of the most excellent Farms in this district for Sheep, Cattle, Horses and other Stock, and owing to its fertility, is well adapted for Agriculture. It is planted with a variety of Pear, Peach, Orange and other Fruit Trees, and well provided with Spring Water and Water from the Breede River.

FURTHER WILL BE SOLD,

1000 Merino Ewes and Wethers

500 Goats

100 Breeding Cattle,

Merino Rams, Horses, Mares, Draught Oxen, Wagons,

2 Carts, Yokes, Harness, Ploughs, Harrows, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Furniture, Kitchen Utensils, and a large quantity of other goods, too numerous to particularize.

6 MONTHS CREDIT.

The Purchase Amount of the Farm can be retained at interest, upon approved security.

QUIN & MEIRING, Auctioneers.

Vendue Office, Worcester; Jan. 8, 1856.

PUBLIC SALE OF A

VALUABLE FARM,

In the Bukkeveld, Division of

Worcester.

MR. JACOBUS CORNELIS JOOSTEN, intending to

take up his residence at Worcester, has authorized the undersigned to sell by auction, to the highest bidder, on

Wednesday and Thursday,

the 30th and 31st JANUARY NEXT,

his valuable Farm called "Driefontein," situate in Cold Bokkeveld, in extent of 3,000 morgen, well stocked with Cattle, Horses and other Stock; also for Merino and Cape Sheep, Horses and other Cattle; also for Merino and the Bokkeveld Grain being well known as the best in the colony.

The Homestead consists of a large and spacious Dwelling House, and extensive Outbuildings, among which a Water Mill and Smith's Shop. There is an Orchard and Gardens, and it is well supplied with water throughout the year.

The Live Stock, consisting of Saddle and Draught Horses, Mares, Oxen and Cows, Sheep and Goats, and finally the Movable Effects, among which an Ox Wagon, a Cart, three Ploughs, 2 teams of Harness, Yokes, 3 Saddles and Bridles, 5 Guns, and every description of Furniture, too numerous to mention.

N.B. Offers for the purchase of the Landed Property out of hand, are meanwhile invited.

J. LINDENBERG, &c.

Worcester, Dec. 27, 1855.

Public Sale

IN WARM BOKKEVELD.

In the Estate of the late Mr. FRAUJACOBUS DU TOIT, F.A.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the executors of the above Estate, to sell by public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 13th February next, to the highest bidder, all the goods belonging to said Estate, consisting of:—

2 Ox and 1 Horse Wagons

A covered Spring Cart

1 Open Cart

2 Teams of Harness, Ploughs, Harrows, Yokes, Riens and straps, Collar Utensils, and whatever else belongs to a complete farm. Further,

A quantity of Wheat.

Live Stock,

2 Teams of Trained Draught Oxen

A number of Breeding Cattle

6 Wagon and Saddle Horses

500 Merino Breeding Sheep.

And lastly, every description of Household Furniture, in Tables, Chairs, Wardrobes, Chests, Bedsteads, Bedding, Glass and Earthenware, Kitchen Utensils, and many other goods which will be offered on the day of sale.

ZINN & VOS, Vendue Adms.

Vendue Office, Tulbagh.

January 17, 1856.

Heidelberg.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors of the Village of Heidelberg have this day resolved to make the following Regulations:—

1. That each Resident Householder, possessing one Erf, shall be allowed to depasture on the Commonage of said Village sixteen head of Cattle and sixteen Sheep and Goats; and those possessing more than one Erf, twenty-four head of Cattle and twenty-four Sheep and Goats.

2. That each Resident Householder carrying on the Trade of a Butcher shall have the right to keep twenty head of Cattle and fifty Sheep and Goats; but should he wish to keep more, the Directors for the time being will grant permission thereto, provided payment be made for the same.

3. All Pigs, Geese, Ducks, and Fowls, or other Poultry, which shall be found on cultivated Erven, may be destroyed by the Owners of such Erven, or any other Persons, on their behalf.

4. All Cattle found on the Commonage, exceeding the abovementioned number, shall be impounded, and any Cattle trespassing on Private Property shall be subject to the usual Pound Regulations.

The abovementioned Regulations shall have effect from this date.

P. SWART, L. J. FOUBLE, P. R. SON, J. D. K. REITZ, Directors.

Heidelberg, 14th January, 1856.

Sailors Wanted

FOR H. I. M. Ship Donna Isabel. Apply at the Brazilian Consulate Office.

H. & E. SUPPORT.

NEW GOODS.

Messrs. Fross & Selligmann

ARE landing ex "Countess of Seafield" and "Hero of the Nile,

French Robes, Silks, French Ribbons, Crapes, French Tricots, in all colours.

Delaine Alma Dresses, Kid Gloves, Balsamines, Black Cashmere, Felt Hats

Fancy Dressing, Sylphide Dresses, Parasols

Costumes, in Cloth and Shawls

White Shirts, in boxes, Boots and Shoes, of every description

Patent Leather, Calf Skins

French Accordions and Flutinas

1 Piano, in Rosewood

Best Lockers, and various other Articles, all which they offer at lower rates than usual.

Medical Practice.

THE Undersigned, having established himself at Malmesbury, to practice as Physician, Surgeon and Accoucheur, requests those wishing to avail themselves of his services, to send a cart and horses for his conveyance; for those who cannot do so, the Undersigned will provide himself. He will also open a complete Dispensary, at which Medicines, &c., may be had at Cape prices.

W. G. WEHLBURG, M.D.

Malmesbury, Jan. 1, 1856.

NOTICE

TO the Inhabitants of the Paarl, Stellenbosch, Somersdorp, West, Wellington, Worcester, Caledon, Swellendam, Riversdale, George &c.











