

I You will probably see my
letter in the tribune & Mercury
of Dec. 23. They say that Mr.
Wilkinson has been informed by
his authorities in Zululand that he
will be received as a missionary,
but not as Bishop of Zululand!
as there is already a Bishop
in the country.

Ever yours sincerely
H. Natal

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My dear Colbeck

If ever we catch a Bushman
family, as you say, I do hope that
I shall remember to plead your
cause with the Natal Government
& if possible get them sent down to
you. But who is to pay the expenses?
You do not mention this - and
I fear in the present state of
our monetary affairs it is just
out of the question to expect the
Gov. here to pay them, & indeed
you caution me against supposing
that you mean this. There was
a Bushwoman captured in
the last expedition, who died in
prison, I believe, being suspect

innocent of any offence, and in fact sacrificed to the cause of civilization, as our authorities wanted to get some information out of her. She would have suited our purposes very well, & other such opportunities may occur.

We have nothing new here, I think, except that my Church Land Bill - for transferring to the Bp. of Natal & his successors the lands formerly held by Bp. of Capetown - is now before the House, & is meeting with the most violent & at the same time paltry opposition from Baile & Turnbull who will very probably carry with them the orthodox dissidents in the House, & unfortunately Mr Shepstone is absent & will

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be for months to come, having some to settle matters in our Southern border & to proceed, I believe it, far beyond it, perhaps even to Grahamstown. I think that we shall carry it - perhaps only by Mr Shepstone's casting vote - but I am prepared to be beaten this time, & try again - under ordinary circumstances there would not be the slightest doubt about the Bill being passed as not just & necessary. Bp. Maurice has now come out in his true colours, having exposed himself & his clergy, including two deacons ordained by him, in the Natal Almanac (Davis's) as ~~top~~ Bishops & Clergy of the Church of England - which is a most impudent assumption. I cannot allow it to pass unchallenged.