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Prof. Matthews,  
P.O. Fort Hare,  
Alice.  
C.P.

Dear Prof.,

I was happy to receive your letter, and I think the Minister's conduct was thoroughly disgusting. We have decided not to enter into a newspaper war with him for the time being, until we have done what we can to assist you in solving a very difficult problem.

The Working Committee appreciates the difficult decision you have to make, it has not discussed the matter fully because it felt that before it does so, it must seek the reaction of the Chief, as also your own inclinations, as this problem involves important political and personal considerations.

The Minister's statement has despite the fact that it is untrue, further complicated the situation. It seems to me that apart from arousing African opinion against you, it was also intended by the Minister, who knew that what he said to be untrue, to be an attempt to get you not to accept appointment, by compelling you to refute his statement and make a declaration about your allegiance to Congress. It is difficult to see what else could have prompted such a thoroughly dishonest statement.

We hope we shall soon hear from you so that the W.C. could give its most serious consideration to the problem.

Yours in the struggle,

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SECRETARY GENERAL.