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Prof. Z. Mathews,
Fort Hare,
Alice. CP.

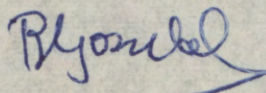
Dear Professor,

I have been asked by our Committee to write to you and express our sincerest regret at the Government's action in forcing you to leave Fort Hare. In particular we admire you for your decision to resign. After all your years of service to Fort Hare, the decision to do so must have been difficult, and has involved you personally in a great loss. On the other hand we are sure that your action will inspire others throughout South Africa to offer greater resistance to the attacks of the Nationalists.

As Europeans we feel particularly ashamed of the actions of this white Government. It would verily appear that the Nationalists are doing all they can to revert to barbarism in this the twentieth century. Small though we are as an organisation, we shall do all we can to assist those who struggle to attain equal human rights in this, the land of their birth.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to serve the people of South Africa for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,



B. Gosschalk.
Secretary.