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or c/o Sec. Azael. Thos. Bohloko, Hermon Mission, P.O. Mafeteng, Basutoland.
To 24th Dec. 1952.

Grounds of Appeal which we transmit to His Excellency the High Commissioner (of Basutoland) to be forwarded to you, the Honourable Assembly of the United Nations Organisation follow hereunder:

The address is as mentioned above.

The Honourable Assembly of the United Nations Organisation.

"Here in Basutoland we are oppressed by the body known as the Advisory Board. We have requested the Administration, namely, His Excellency the High Commissioner to come and abolish the Advisory Board and establish instead a Legislative Council in accordance with our wishes. He has not acceded to our request. Come to our assistance. We appeal to you to come and help us on the grounds of appeal which we have noted here.

We remain with tears and with confidence in you,
We are: A Tribe of Basotho.

N.B. Leave of Appeal we were granted by His Excellency the High Commissioner in Circular No. 18, Page 7 (d).

Signed by : District Councillors: Az. Thos. Bohloko and Jim Moshoeleli.

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GROUND OF APPEAL

1. As a tribe by a vote of 482 people we have requested you to come and abolish the Advisory Board and to establish for us a Legislative Council in accordance with our wishes. In view of the fact that your reply, Sir, is to the following effect, namely, That you are considering the appointment of a Committee for Administrative Reforms, which is contrary to our wishes and powers as a tribe and which is calculated to confuse us by giving us what we have not asked for, and furthermore is contrary to "How Basutoland is Governed", Page 14, lines 13, 12, 11, 10 & 9 from the bottom we are not in favour of the methods employed by the Administration.
(Read Luke 11: 5-12)
2. We have been satisfied with the establishment of a Legislative Council which we want on the following lines:-
Our Paramount Chief, and the Chiefs might be given compensation in lieu of the 4000 surrendered by them over the period of four years 1949-1952
3. We would be satisfied if the Legislative Council which we want agreed that the Compulsory service which has reduced co-operation and self-help and happiness in the tribe be converted into a levy of 1/- to terminate compulsory labour.

4. We should like the General Education Levy and the Stock Levy to be fixed by the Legislative Council and not by the Advisory Board.
(Parenthesis) In order to show that we no longer want the Advisory Board as we have no confidence in it, we should like to make the following observation From 1948 this Board of your Resident Commissioner has created a misunderstanding between the Paramount Chief and ourselves, and not only ourselves but all the soldiers of Basutoland by reason of his decision: The Resident Commissioner who is the representative of the High Commissioner when he replied to the Representative of the Soldiers said: "It is clear that the soldiers have grievances, and these must be attended to immediately. I shall put right everything"

These things were (a) This amount of money 875,000
and 5000,000
Total 1,375,000

(b) Employment will be provided

(c) Passes (Exemption Passes)

All these promises of the Advisory Board and its Chairman have come to nothing.

That Resident Commissioner has now left Basutoland. We request the United Nations Organisation to come and see that our soldiers are given pensions. By this vote which has been increased by £ from Maseru and by 171 ex-servicemen i.e. £82 2 171 655 we request you to sign our grounds of appeal and our Statements, Transmit our letters of appeal to the United Nations Organisation, so that it may come and establish for us a Legislative Council in accordance with our wishes.

We request the United Nations Organisation to come on January 1, 1953.

With Greetings to Your Excellency,

Yours respectfully,

The Tribe of Tsakholo (as above)

GOD*SAVE*THE*QUEEN.