

Jurisdiction of Native Chiefs in British Bechuanaland British Bechuanaland Proclamation 2 of 1885.

Section 31

"Native Chiefs in British Bechuanaland shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction in all civil cases between natives of their own tribes respectively; but in all civil cases between Europeans or between Europeans & a native or between natives of different tribes, the Resident Magistrate of the district shall alone have jurisdiction, subject always to the rights of appeal as hereafter provided, & provided always that the Resident Magistrate may, if he think proper, ascertain, but shall in no case be bound by, the opinion of the Chief or headman as to any case wherein any native shall be a party or shall be directly or indirectly interested."

The British Bechuanaland Land Settlement Commission of 1885 in its Report in 1886 found "that the Barotung living in British Bechuanaland may be conveniently classified as follows: -

- (1) The Bora Tshidi Barotung who acknowledge Muntshwa as their Chief
- (2) The Bora Repulana Barotung who obey Mochabel (Matlaba) of Lotllohana & Polfontein, whose headman at Lotllohana is Abrahon. ~~Matlaba~~

Muntshwa's Barotung were estimated at 8860 and Matlaba's Barotung at 960.

"As The jurisdiction of native chiefs among themselves is almost invariably tribal and territorial, we have purposely refrained from defining any boundaries between tribes or sections of tribes, for of the opinion that it will be found convenient for the Reserve to be made available for all Natives no matter what

their nationality (i.e. tribal affiliation) may be".
Thus Kumbukwa's claim to jurisdiction or government
throughout the Kutope Reserve cannot be founded
on the artificial demarcation of the Reserve made
by the Commission of 1885.

Right to
allot land

By Section 35 of Proclamation 2 of 1885-

"No right to allot land is vested in the Government.

As a matter of fact the Government allows the Chief
to allot land & does not interfere unless complaints
are made.

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Period Statistical Summary

	Precip. In.	1927 Census Emp. Pop.	1926 Inv. Pop.	Taxable Income	Revenue Collected
Wapahunga	4265 11.746	4,478 30,271	4,631	98,957	18,009.
Wapahunga	16193 20.78	5614 22,577	5818	67,186	22,521.

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