

African Studies

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Principal H.R.Burrows,
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Dear Professor Burrows,

As you know the Minister of Bantu Education has recently offered me a continuation of my employment at Fort Hare. In terms of the Fort Hare Transfer Act I have 90 days in which to decide whether to accept this offer or resign.

In connection with the possibility of resignation I should be glad to know whether the Governing Council would be prepared to do anything for those who resign as far as their accrued leave is concerned. In my own particular case I last had long leave in 1950 (January to June 1950). In the terms of the present regulations I am due for leave in respect of the period July 1950 to 1959.

I have been in the service of the College since January 1936 and would in normal circumstances have been eligible for an annuity or a gratuity at the end of 1961. The passing of the Fort Hare Transfer Act has so radically altered the terms and conditions of my appointment that I submit that any resignation which takes place as a result of this Act cannot be regarded as voluntary resignation and yet it will involve those concerned in serious financial loss.

Anything which the Council can do for those concerned would be deeply appreciated.

Yours faithfully,