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ICEBO KUMZI ONTSUNDU.

Ixesha lokunyula abameli nbaya kusimela e-Palamente  
elipezu kwetu, kanti ke noko sisazolile, asika shukumi  
ngoku yixoxa lendawo, sibe zwi nye ngokumisa esiya ku-  
votela bona, nokuba sihlangane ngendawo esifuna ukuba  
basivelele ngazo.

Nyakenye bekuvakala ukuba nto nye ngexesha elikulu  
pakati kwetu. Ngamacala onke beku menyezwa ngo  
Tungumlomo; kwati kwindawo ngendawo kwa hlangani-  
swana, kusitiwa makubenelwe Pesheya, kwada kwabutwa  
nemali ekwatiwa isemakulwini amatatu, yokuxasa amadoda  
abemisiwe ukuba awele. Yabanga ke londawo, ngokuba  
i-Ruluneli yabeka isandla kulommiso ekutiwa ngowoku  
bala abavoti, esiti tina ukuwubiza ngu Tungumlomo.  
Kute kunjalo abaqondileyo abamhlope abaxase tina bantsu-  
ndu, bati akuseko nto singafeza yona ngokubenela Pesheya.  
Yaye ke noko inxenye yetu isadlokova ngamandla, idloko-  
vela ukubenela Pesheya. Kuye kwati kwalapo kwavela  
ntwana ebale epepeni lama Ngesi eliyi *Watchman,* yati aku-  
konakali; ngokuba kulo mandla wase Qonce, no wakwa  
Komani, no wase Dikeni bebaninzi abanga tungekanga.  
Yongeza yati lentwana, e-Nqushwa kutungekile; abakona  
bazitunge ngokwabp, ngokuba itaitile bazalayo; kukwa  
kokwabo ukuyiqaqulula imitungo ngokutabata itaitile.  
bangene eku voteni, waqoshelisa ke umbali lowo, ngokuti  
nkuba i-Felkoneti ayimfaki encwadini zabavoti osukuba  
emi umhlaba omiselwe iponti ezi £25 libandla lomahlulo  
(Divisional Council), makati lowo abenele ezi Jajini,  
ngokuba zona azikugqita kwinani elimiswe libandla lo-  
mahlulo.

Kuzakuti ke lakufika ixesha lokungeniswa abavoti, kuti  
kwezidolopu zonke zinemantyi, kubonakale ngobuninzi  
babo, ukuba abantsundu bayafuna inene ukuba bangeniswe  
emalungelweni okunyula amalungu e-Palamente. Kute  
e-Dikeni kwagecwa iqela lamadoda anetayitile, kusitiwa  
imihlaba yawo ayifikile exabisweni la £25, kanti lomihlaba  
ibe imiselwe elo nani libandla lomahlulo, ekute naxa itengi-  
sayo yazuza namashumi amatatu namane. Kwati kwaoko  
Pesheya kwe Nciba sabona kugecwa ama-Rulumente ama-  
dala, abekulele pantsi kombuso wo-Mntan’ Omhle, emkonze  
ngamandla, emlwela imikosi yake, izidwangube ezinje  
ngabo Bikitsha nabanye, ngokutiwa bangama vezandlebe  
ngokuba bengazalelwanga pantsi kombuso we Koloni.

Kute sakubona ezo ndawo, sati— Yehl’ into ! namhla kuza  
kudlokova iqegu, liza kuyiwisa imvaba liyiqwenge ; kanti  
hayi. Lidlokove langquleka ngo Tungumlomo. Kwati  
kwakufika ixesha lokudlokova, kwafunyanwa izinto esezi-  
tambe nje ngomnweba wembila, Besiba kuyakuke kuta-  
tyatwe kule mali ebekutiwa ib' ihlanganiselwe ukubenela  
Pesheya kolwandle, zike zisiwe pambi kwe Jaji ezindawo  
zenziwa e-Dikeni nezi zenziwa Pesheya kwe Nciba, zipe-  
ndule okokuba zingomteto na nokuba azingawo, ukuze  
kuti nangona zingasayi kuba saconjululwa indawo ezenze-  
kileyo, kuze zicaciselwe indawo eziya kwenzeka ngomso.

Ukwenza kwetu akuqali ukuba nendawo ezisilelayo, pofu  
zizindawo ebezifanele ukufezwa. Into siyayiqala, iti yaku-  
ba nexeshana lipele igugu layo, siye kuqala nto yimbi,  
kanti nayo ayikufezeka. Kuti mhlayimbi kufunwe ukumi-

swa isikula kwindawo etile. Umzi uyahlangana uyivume

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ondawo, ati amadoda sorola okutile nokutile ukuxasa iti-

tshala; iti yakufika imini yokurola, ati lowo ndixakekile,  
nomnye ati ndixakekile, isuke ititshala ibe sesitubeni,  
ikohlwe nokufeza amatyalana ayo ebi wenze ngokutemba  
amadinga otnzi. Enye indawo esiyive kutsha nje ikanka-  
nywa,—kutiwa ku Manyano nge Mfundo into eninzi yama-  
lungu ayiwafezanga amadinga ayo, yati ityeya yendyebo  
yaseliba likasi elingena lukozo. *Imvo* kade imemeza isiti  
imali yomvuzo wayo ayifiki, yade yasongela ngokuti amaga-  
ma abantu abangarolanga obengezwa, kwanga ke betukile  
ngokuba okwelo xesha sibone amagama amaninzi arolileyo.  
Ne *Sigidimi* sikwa kulonxwaleko; sipakati kwengxingwa  
yokunqamka emsebenzini waso weminyaka elishumi elinesi-  
bozo ngenxa yokulahla kwaba betembise ukuba bosixasa,  
nokudangala kwabasasitatayo. Nango ke amalungelo etu  
ebesesi wafumbatile esipuluka ngokusipuluka, kunjalo nje  
singakala ngabanina sizonela ngokwetu nje ? Siqoshelisa  
ngokuti masibambelele kwindawo ese sizizuzile, singazilahli  
ngoku putuma esingekazifumani.

Kodwa indawo engamandla esikaulezela ukumemeza  
yona namhlanje yile,—ngamalungu aya kusimela e-Pala-  
mente ; sipaule izimvo zawo ngezindawo sizikankanyi-  
leyo, zobuvezandlebe, namanani omhlaba, nangenqila  
zotywala, nangezinye indawo ezinqwenelekayo, iti nenga-  
fezekanga namhla nje siyihlalele ngomonde siman’ukubu-  
yela kuyo, ize ide ivele inene yetu.

“INKOSI ZIKULULWE EBUBANJWENI.”

Lutshilo ucingo oluqukuqele luvela e-Botwe lweza kupu-  
ma kule Ofisi yase Lovedale nezinye indawo. Kungo-  
vuyokazi olukulu ngoko esiwupakela ezo ndaba umzi  
wakowetu.

Site ukutshona kwelanga lomhla ebesiza kushicilela  
ngalo esi *Sigidimi* sale nyanga ingasoze ilibaleke kuti nge  
Jubili zayo nesi senzo sanamhla, sabona umpatiswa luci-  
ngo walapa esizisela ucingo olute sakulunqika lwafike  
lwenjenje ukuteta kwala;—“ U-Mayase ukululwe ebuba-

njweni izolo [2 ku September, 1888] kunye ne Nkosi  
zama-Xosa; nobonana naye emva kwentsukwana ezimba-  
lwa!”

Kuvakele ukuba u-Sir Gordon Sprigg ngalomini yaku-  
sasa kwe Cawa uye kuvelela amabantinti e-Kapa wati  
makubizwe inkosi ezingo Edmund, Tini, Matanzima,  
Gungubele, no Gumna, wongezelela negama lika Mayase  
Momo umntu omnyama ob’ese siqitini se Robben Island.  
Ubekise lamazwi akuba ekankanye izenzo zemfazwe eza-  
bazisa apa, wati—“Namhla ndinizele noxolo; ningama-  
“doda akululekileyo angase ngawo ababanjwa kususela  
“ kweli xesha. Anisayi kuba sabuyela etolongweni; nantsi-  
“ ya indlu seniyilungiselwe emaniye kukululela kuyo ezi-  
“ ngubo zamakonxwa ninxibe ezintsha zenkululeko esenizi-  
“ tengelwe. Ngomso niya kunduluka nigoduselwe koma-  
wenu. Ize emakaya nizipate kakuhle, nipembelele uxolo  
“ nolungelelwano, nokutotyelwa komteto ka Rulumente.”

Lo Mayase kutetwa ngaye, nakuba enge nkosi, yenye  
yumadoda amatandatu awapuma apa e-Dikeni aya ema-

hlatini ngo Ncayecibi. Ute kuhle kancinane pambi  
kokuba lixole waza kuzinikela komkulu. Kweso situba,  
engekapendulwa ngendawo yokuzinikela kwake, watiwa  
ntca ngetyala lokuba wadubula ipolisa edabini lase  
Nxuba—pofu ekanyela yeua kude kube namhlanje ukuba  
waka walubeka unyawo kwelo dabi. Kodwa lakutetwa  
ityala wugwetyelwa ukuxonywa. Ngesicelo esenziwa ku Sir  
Bartle Frere nge 1878, sagungxulwa isigwebo se jaji,  
waza u-Mhlekazi wasisunduzela ekubeni makasiwe esiqi-  
tini ahlale ebubanjweni bonke ubom bake. Asiyekanga  
noko ukumcela. Kute apa e-Dikeni nge Jubili ye Nkosa-  
zana, sakumbuza ngale ndoda ingu Mayase, safaka  
nomda wokucela nenkosi zakowetu ezise bubanjweni.  
Ayisigibanga impendulo ka Sir Gordon Sprigg esangena  
ngaye isicelo setu. Silindile unyaka lo. Namhla ke  
ukusipendula wenze nje ngoku sesixelile.