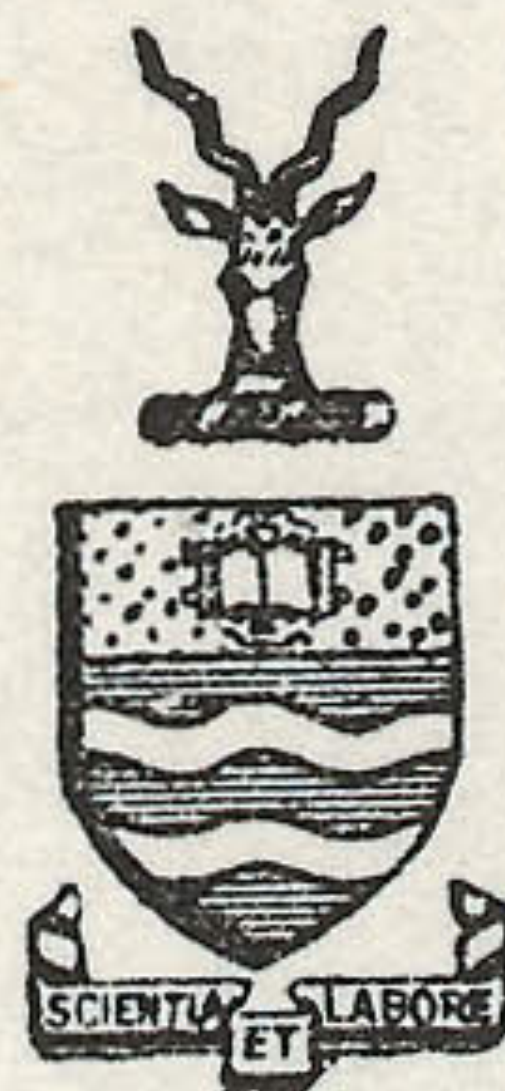


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Dear Miss Bleek,

I am not apologizing for answering you so long after the date of your letter, as I have been busy off and on, in the midst of my other occupations, with your problems and trying to gather information.

1. I had a talk with Doke, who advised that you should write to the Editors African Studies (you are aware of course that this is the new name of the old Bantu Studies) and he would get them to make a token grant towards the publication of the Bushman Dictionary and write to the Research Grant Board asking for their help and showing them, by the token grant, that the Editors of African Studies were keenly interested in the Bushman Dictionary.

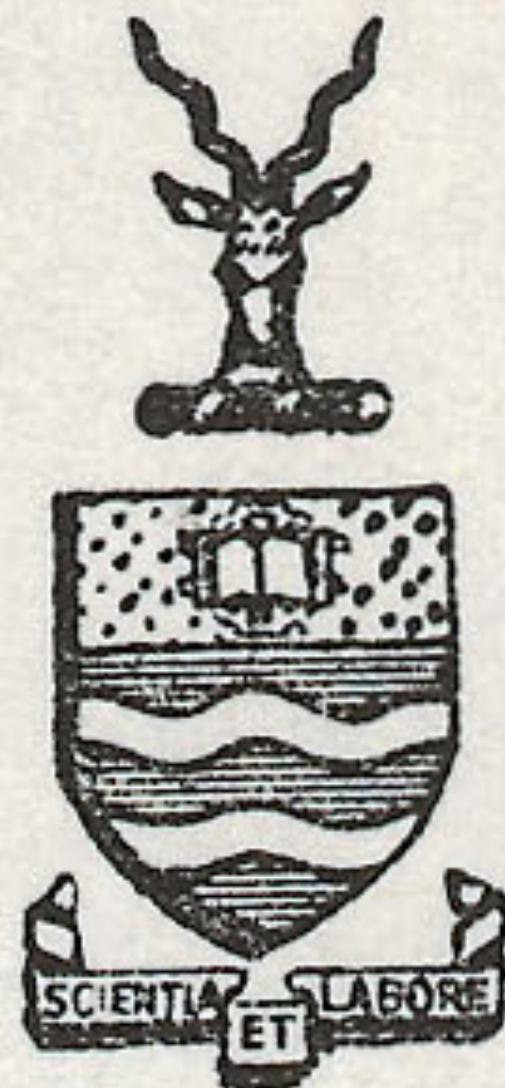
2. But what I really wanted for was an opportunity to have further and better information about what the Research Grant Board itself might do. and I am now in a position to give you the following advice from a most authoritative source.

(1) You should make an application direct to the Research Grant Board at once. Your letter of application should be so framed as to show the nature of the work; its size; the cost of its publication (the estimate from Livedale could be quoted in full) and the fact that the Research Grant Board has helped you in the past.

It was also suggested that you should send me your draft letter for review, if necessary, and to see that it contained all the material information - and further that both Doke and myself should write letters of recommendation as to the value of the work, both of us having seen specimens of it; these letters of recommendation to accompany your letter of application - (I rather think that you have to fill in a form to be obtained from the Secretary of the Research Grant Board, as well) - This is to save time and to secure an early reply ~~from~~ from the Board who would not have to ask the opinion of referees.

I strongly recommend advice No 2, and Doke

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whom I communicated with subsequently, agrees with me.

So, if you will draft your letter and send it to me as soon as possible. I will attend to it immediately and get my letter ready. Please write to Duke to ask him to write a letter for you, and I will post all these documents back to you by return of post.

Both Duke and myself are of course extremely keen to see the Dictionary published and we are prepared to spare no pains to see that done.

With kind regards
Yours very sincerely

L. F. Mairiford