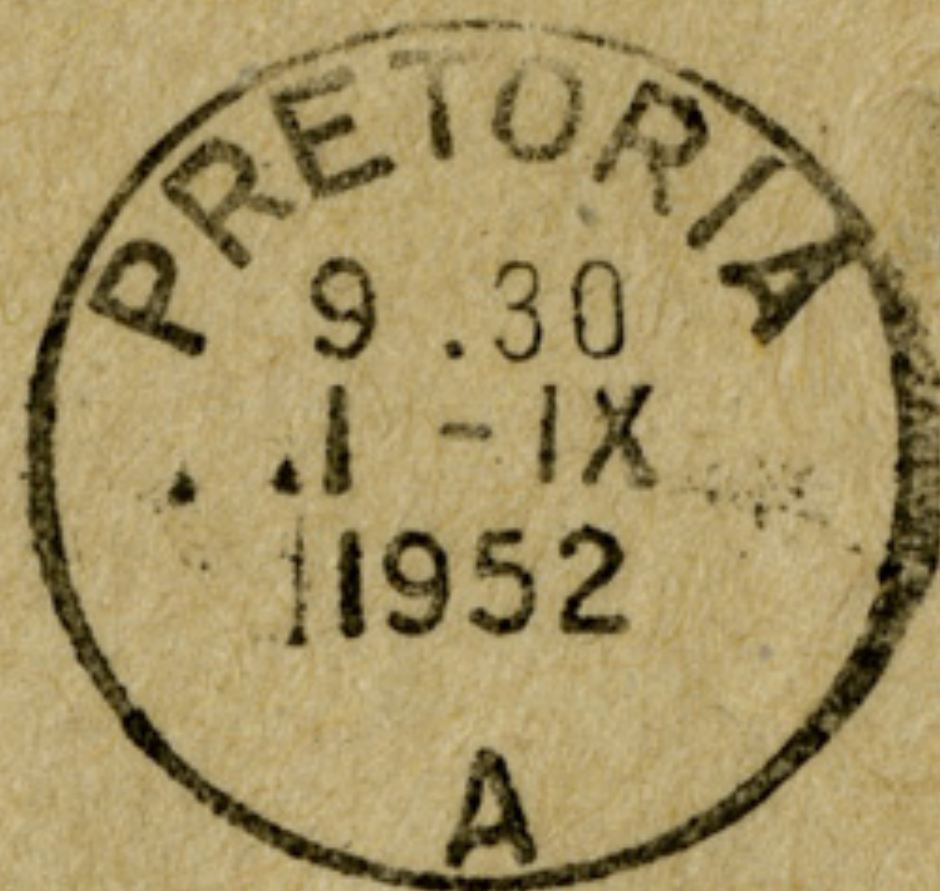


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Dear Dr. Scott,

Many thanks for the four parcels containing the final batch of proof sheets, the typescript of the entire dictionary and the copy of The Mantis and his Friends. It was certainly very kind of you to suggest that I keep the latter as I would like to do. Although I would have liked to keep the proof sheets a little longer I thought it advisable to send them to the proper quarter and have already done so.

Although I have very little spare time at the moment on account of the yearly examinations which will soon start I have already waded through approximately a third of the typescript copy. Later on I shall also need the English-Bushman part but this will in no way retard the writing of the introduction which I am planning to finish before I leave for my holiday to the Cape at the beginning of December. Please let me know whether there will be an opportunity of seeing you then as there are quite a few matters I would rather discuss personally; I could then also bring back the English-Bushman section with me.

You have already remarked on the pains I am taking in the matter, and this may lead you to think that the introduction will be a long one. This will unfortunately not be the case as much that I would like to say has already been said elsewhere. My only reason for acting as I do (incidentally putting you to a great deal of trouble too) is that I want to be as sure of my facts as my own experience (and that of others as well) tells me that some people can become really unpleasant when others ~~people~~ do a piece of work which they claim as their sole privilege. The only thing that really worries me are the repeated calls made on you whenever it is impossible to get copies of books and other literature at our own library. The

naked truth is that our library is hopelessly understaffed most of the time with the result that its catalogue is very much in arrears.

Would you therefore mind very much if I asked you another favour? Let us hope that this will be my last one for ashamed is a mild word to express what I feel every time I have to worry you. I have been unable in spite of all efforts to obtain copies of W. Bleek, A Brief Account of Bushman Folklore and other Texts (London 1875) and L.C. Lloyd, A Short Account of further Bushman Material collected (London 1889), and I am sure they must be in your University library. These I need very much at the moment to fill certain gaps in the review of Bushman research (within the Bleek family) which I propose to give. The copies will be returned through the Pretoria library as soon as I have finished with them; the copy of The Naron will probably be handed back next week.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all you have been doing. I do hope that you are not disappointed at this seemingly slow progress; I am doing the best I can. At the moment I also have Bleek's Lulu Legends in the press, and I shall send you a copy as soon as it appears. I am really looking forward to seeing you in December; if you have made other arrangements we shall just have to postpone the meeting until later.

Sincerely yours.

J. M. Gelbreecht