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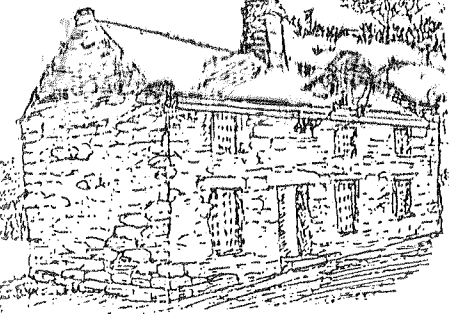
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ASHLEY LILLIE
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: EASTERN CAPE

N.Y.C. P.O. Box 599. CT. 6140.

Dear Mrs Lillie - via Stechens Plain Fish River etc

Very glad what material I could forward was worth while -
I did not go into details. (ie Fort Dacre military Post) -
most of which was used as "fill-in" i.e. Stone work for
embankment, of the Fish River Bridge. Fort Dacre has
having been declared N.Y.C. long ago -

Could you do me a favour on 2 counts -

i). According to your predecessor I. Maclean - any
National Monument sign post within a Municipal
area had to be erected paid for but that
municipality - I am going quietly to work with the
sign posts "designation N.Y.C." in Bathurst & the Municipality
very much their problem - or cost.

ii). Could I have (having lost some where some years
ago -) all areas which were in the 1985 list for monu-
listed N.Y.C. to be proclaimed - This includes
Kamega Baptist Church - Cannon Rocks etc.

Thank you Ashley

Sincerely
Queen Calow N.Y.C. Lower Albany, Non Central
P.S. a vast area in Abxand in needs work N.Y.C. P.S.O. 10

On a totally separate issue DOUBLE DRIFT FORT

This is at the site where the wagons etc went on Route to Fort WILLSHIRE (now Ciskei).

I was en site Thursday, 9th August with a fairly large party, 60 in all. Bradley Fike Chief Conservation Officer ANDRIES Postoo Kudu Reserve was with me when I gave the history of DOUBLE DRIFT FORT - (It is at this point that Sam Knott Nature Reserve & Double Drift in Linnos Cobe Reserve meet).

I was approached because Charles Timley (ie. Double Drift Reserve), & Peter Barendt ex Chief Conservation Officer Andries Postoo Reserve had hoped I might impress on National Government Council to have funds available to preserve a rather special Fort which is in a very venerable state - Fort Baun is dupet. I can only say (as is the case of Kaffir Drift Port.) the South African Police really do care & do deep research & preservation.

If you need historical feed back I will happily help. viz Double Drift. But Lionel Webster is far more motivated even though not as active.
Sincerely, Queen Calow.

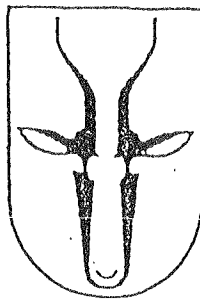
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26 September 1990



The Regional Representative
National Monuments Council
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Attention: Mr A Lilly


Dear Sir



DOUBLE DRIFT FORT

I refer to your visit to the above site today, and the discussions held pertaining to the preservation of this structure.

May I urge that consideration be given to this Fort with respect to implementing measures in order to prevent the possible collapsing, to lesser or greater degree, of the structure in the foreseeable future.



Envisaged is the installation of wall braces or collars to prevent further crack widening and deterioration, but this will be entirely subject to a Structural Engineers recommendations.


Any consideration which you are able to give to this case will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully



B FIKE
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

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13-10-1990

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE EASTERN CAPE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Architect North

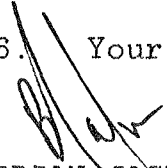
FROM: Regional Manager
Eastern Cape

REF: 9/2/003/24

DATE: 8 December 1992

SUBJECT: FORT DOUBLE DRIFT, ANDRIES VOSLOO KUDU RESERVE, ALBANY DISTRICT

1. My apologies for infringeing on your time and asking advice, yet again.
2. Attached please find photographs of the above fort.
3. This complex was erected by the Military Garrison in the mid nineteenth century. It is built of local stone. The complex is effectively ruined. The fort lies about two hundred metres from the Great Fish River and is occasionally covered by flood waters which accounts for much of the damage.
4. Officials of the CPA Nature Reserve Conservation Department have expressed concern about the future of the tower which is in a state of near collapse and appears to be moving outwards as can be judged from the photographs.
5. CPA officials have expressed the opinion that metal braces or cables around the tower may preserve its future for the time being.
6. Your opinion on the above matter would be highly appreciated.


BRIAN JACKSON
BPNJ/bk

NATIONAL MONUMENTS COUNCIL

ARCHITECT NORTH

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Manager: Eastern Cape
FROM: Architect North
REF: 9/2/003/24 DATE: 18 January 1993
RE: FORT DOUBLE DRIFT, ANDRIES VOSLOO KUDU RESERVE, ALBANY DISTRICT

- 1 Your internal memorandum of 8 December 1992 refers.
- 2 From the photographs and description provided (and in the absence of a site visit and any more detailed information) I would agree that some form of metal bracing or cables would help to stabilise the tower, albeit until such time as the tower can be properly restored.
- 3 Careful consideration will have to be given to the manner in which this is done. The braces will have to be adequately constructed to ensure a useful lifespan. I assume that the full restoration of the tower does not enjoy top priority and it is suggested that these "temporary" braces should be designed to have a substantial life-span in the order of 10-15 years. The manner in which the braces are installed will also have to be carefully considered to avoid further damage to the tower.
- 4 It is suggested that a structural engineer who is familiar with the structural problems of old buildings be consulted for an appropriate solution and the necessary details - perhaps an engineer employed by the CPA.
- 5 My own intuitive approach would be to form corner brackets of two lengths of angle iron joined with short angle iron cleats and with web stiffeners of flat plate (see sketch attached). Round steel bar - say 20 mm diameter could be used as the tension elements with both ends threaded to allow for tightening. Some sort of "packing" would have to be provided between the steel angle and the stone to take up any unevenness in the wall surface.
- 6 I would be interested to see the final solution that is adopted. Hope the above is of some use to you.

WILLIAM A MARTINSON

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