

Antagonism towards Missionaries.
(Unaltered and unabridged).

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Under the paragraph dealing with antagonism to missionaries the missionary at St John's Church wrote;

To Sir Bartle Frere
From Missionary Henry,
St John's Church,
Umtata, 14 January 1879

The first, prominent before and during the war (local disturbances - ed), was that of a manifest antagonism to missionaries, such as has been manifested by Cetywayo, who practised various kinds of petty annoyances towards them in the expectation, no doubt, that they would thus become weary of this work, and leave Zululand. This antagonism found such expression as this :

The Queen first sends her teachers to us. These are men who come with gentle words and manners. They speak kindly to us. We get to like them. Then there comes to the neighbourhood of the missionary a trader, who brings things we like to have, which he sells to us, and gets in exchange our cattle, horses, sheep etc. Then other white men come, pass through the country, or settle in different places, build houses, have gardens and stock. And little quarrels arise, and at length the Queen sends her soldiers and takes away the country from us, and we are subjected and the white man becomes our master.