



Pindula.co.zw

The Moffat Treaty

Profile downloaded on 16 Jun 2019

For an updated profile visit https://pindula.co.zw/The_Moffat_Treaty

In 1888 Lobhengula signed the Moffat Treaty that proclaimed that “peace and amity shall continue forever between Her Britannic Majesty, Her subjects, and the Amandebele people.” Moreover, Lobhengula promised to refrain from entering into “any correspondence or treaty with any Foreign State or Power.

The treaty was signed at the instigation of [Cecil John Rhodes](#), Moffat was sent to Matabeleland to use his father's reputation to persuade its [king Lobengula](#) to sign a treaty of friendship with Britain and to look favourably on Rhodes' later approach for the Rudd Concession mining rights.

The Treaty

Pindula


The Moffat Treaty 1888

The Chief Lobengula, ruler of the tribe known as the Amandebele, together with the Mashuna and Makakalaka tributaries of the same, hereby agrees to the following articles and conditions:

That peace and amity shall continue forever between Her Britannic Majesty, Her subjects, and the Amandebele people; and the contracting Chief Lobengula engages to use his utmost endeavours to prevent any rupture of the same, to cause the strict observance of this treaty, and so to carry out the spirit of the treaty of friendship which was entered into by his late father the Chief Umziligaas [Mzilikazi] with the then Governor of the Cape of Good Hope in the year of Our Lord 1836.

It is hereby further agreed by Lobengula, Chief in and over the Amandebele country with its dependencies as aforesaid, on behalf of himself and people, that he will refrain from entering into any correspondence or Treaty with any foreign State or Power to sell, alienate or cede or permit or countenance any sale, alienation or cession of the whole or any part of the said Amandebele country under his Chieftainship, or upon any other subject, without the previous knowledge and sanction of Her Majesty's High Commissioner for South Africa.

In faith of which I Lobengula on my part have hereunto set my hand at Gubulawayo, Amandebeleland this eleventh day of February and of Her Majesty's reign the Fifty first.

Lobengula his mark 

Before me Witnesses
Feb. 11.1888 J. S. Moffat W. Graham
Assist. Commissioner. G. B. van Wyk

Moffat treaty

About Pindula

Pindula is a place to find information about local things on the internet. We do it a lot like Wikipedia, except everything is hyper-local. We started work on Pindula because we needed something like it. There's so little useful information about local things online and we're working to change that

Pindula

To join the Pindula community of editors, please go to <https://contribute.pindula.co.zw?> or just get in touch with us on **WhatsApp: +263 77 770 7852.**