The Realisation of Syntactic Principles in Non-Standard Afrikaans: The Correspondence of Jan Jonker A fikaner (1820-1889)
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#### Abstract

This study compares the syntax of nineteenth-century Orange River Afrikaans with Dutch and synchronic Afrikaans varieties, with particular attention to Griqua Afrikaans. It provides an account of the differences that are found between the earliest attestations of an extraterritorial variety of the Dutch language on southern African soil (the so-called Cape Dutch Vernacular) with the present-day outcome.

The data collected for this study originate chiefly from an hitherto undisclosed corpus of letters kept in the Namibian State Archives by the so-called Oorlam-Nama, people of mixed descent who lived on the periphery of the nineteenth-century Cape colonial society. This thesis argues that nineteenth-century Orange River Afrikaans is a representative continuation of the earliest developments in the linguistic contact situation that existed at the Cape. The thesis advances that literacy and social class are important factors in the assessment of the written record from the Dutch colony at the Cape.

The thesis centers around the letters by one author, Jan Jonker Afrikaner, written over a period of nearly twenty years in the second half of the nineteenth century. This legacy is a unique contribution to the diachronic data concerning the development of Afrikaans. From the data it is shown that this author had the command over different registers, fluctuating between a near perfect metropolitan Dutch and a Hollands that is classified as basilectal Afrikaans. The comparison of the data is set in a framework inspired by the concepts put forward in Generative Grammar. This has precipitated an exciting linguistic comparison of contemporary Afrikaans grammar with the diachronic material.

This dissertation challenges the idea that the Khoesan Languages were of no or little influence in the development of Afrikaans. The linguistic analysis of the nineteenth-century data reveal that the developments which took place cannot be attributed to one single origin. It is demonstrated that the innovations and change that can be identified run parallel to regular patterns that are found in other languages generally classified as creole languages. It is argued that the syntax of the Khoesan languages is a major reinforcing factor in the development of the syntactic idiosyncrasies that are identified as un-Germanic characteristics of Afrikaans. Limited to nonstandard varieties of Afrikaans, in the concluding sections the question is raised how these findings are to be addressed in the larger context of language change.


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## List of Abbreviations

| 1S | first person personal pronoun, singular (irrespective of Case) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2S | second person personal pronoun, singular (irrespective of Case) |
| 3S | third person personal pronoun, singular (irrespective of Case) |
| IPL | first person personal pronoun, plural (irrespective of Case) |
| 2PL | second person personal pronoun, plural (irrespective of Case) |
| 3PL | third person personal pronoun, plural (irrespective of Case) |
| 1POS | first person possessive pronoun, (irrespective of Number) |
| 2POS | second person possessive pronoun, (irrespective of Number) |
| 3POS | third person possessive pronoun, (irrespective of Number) |
| ACC | accusative Case |
| CDV | Cape Dutch Vernacular |
| CWG | Continental West Germanic |
| D | determiner or demonstrative |
| DIM | diminutive |
| GE-[verb] | perfective participle |
| GEN | genitive Case |
| IND | indicative |
| MOD | modal adverb |
| NEG | negative element |
| NOM | nominative Case |
| OBL | oblique Case |
| ORA | Orange River Afrikaans |
| POS | possessive |
| PRC | participle inflection |
| PRF | perfective auxiliary |
| PST | past-morphology |
| REL | relative pronoun |
| SA | Standard Afrikaans |
| SOV | Subject-Object-Verb |
| SVO | Subject-Verb-Object |
| TMA | Tense-Mood-Aspect |
| VP | verb phrase |
| v/2 | verb-second |

## 1 Introduction

## Oom Gys:

Oupa-goed het Hollands gapraat. Die tal het toe nou veramer maneer en Afrekans in, want ons boeke was ook Hollanse boeke gawis. ${ }^{\text {. }}$

The present study is foremost a descriptive and analytical inquiry into a much-neglected contributor to one of the foundations, shaping Afrikaans. The words of Oom Gys are telling; syntactically they conform neither to Dutch nor present-day Standard Afrikaans. Compared to Standard Afrikaans (henceforth: SA), the language of Oom Gys is classified as a variety ${ }^{2}$ of Afrikaans (Du Plessis 1988:21ff., Van Rensburg 1984 II:399, 1989b, 1990, 1998b, Van Rensburg et al, 1989:69, 85). More accurately Oom Gys' tongue is named Griqua Afrikaans, one of the variants of Orange River Afrikaans (henceforth: ORA).

In its earliest format ORA was a Dutch/Afrikaans vernacular which became established as the lingua franca in the area to the north and the south of the Grootrivier (Orange River). It was probably shaped on a variety of the Cape Dutch Vernacular (henceforth: CDV; see Roberge 1993, 1995) which met with strong influence of the Khoesan languages (Nienaber 1994a, 1994b, Van Rensburg 1984). The geographical focus of attention in this study includes the so-called northern Cape frontier zone during the nineteenth century and a vast region to the north of it. Historically it is agreed upon that

[^0]this temporal-spatial area has suffered much neglect. ${ }^{3}$ The historian N. Penn discusses the importance of this region as:
[There cmerged, during the course of the eighteenth century, a set of practices and attitudes which, precisely because they were prototypical, exerted a profound influence on the subsequent colonial history of South Africa. Although developments within the northern Cape frontier zone are not seef as being more important than those which were taking place elsewhere in the colony (such as the south-western Cape or the eastern Cape frontier zone) they are seen as being equally important. Our picture of eighteenth-century colonial society in South Africa has, until now, been a lopsided one in that the archival evidence for the largest part of the colony - the northern Cape frontier zone - has been under utilized (Penn 1995:i).

This argument holds as much for linguistics as for history (cf. Roberge 1995:76). The possible influence of indigenous people on the outcome of the language contact situation which prevailed over the last three centuries on southern African soil has not been a point which was readily addressed (Roberge 1992a, 1992b, Nienaber 1994b:150). This may be partly due to lacunae in the historiographical details such as the fact that the indigenous tribes could simply not be 'counted' in the earliest days (see $\S 2.1$ ), thus leaving the records with question marks where their numbers are concerned. Bearing in mind that it has been a methodological postulate in historical linguistics that older forms of a language are preserved in, and are retrievable from contemporaneous non-standard varieties (Roberge 1993:65, 1995:76), the primary concern of this study is the evaluation of the question whether ORA, in particular its nineteenth-century forerunner, is a representative parallel to earlier stages of linguistic developments in Afrikaans. Although the immediate differences, such as the fact that the seventeenth-century indigenous people at the Cape were monolingual mother-tongue speakers of the Khoesan languages, whereas in the Orange River area contact was between 'Hollands'-speakers with other Khoekhoe and San, are obvious, the hypothesis that nineteenthcentury ORA is a continuation of earlier developments of the CDV cannot be disregarded on sociodemographic grounds. The premise that grammatical structures found in ORA were an integral part of the CDV corresponding to earlier stages in the genesis of Afrikaans will be discussed in Chapter Two ( $\S 2.3$ ). In this respect this study will contribute to our understanding of the shaping and

[^1]evolution of the Afrikaans language in comparison to its Dutch ancestor.

This issue unfolds into considerations about two premises which have not been the most accommodated topics in the literature to date. Firstly, grammatical features which are typical in the non-standard varieties of Afrikaans, and often not uncommon in spoken Afrikaans, have received little attention in the Standard Afrikaans grammar books (cf. Webb 1998:190). It is to be hoped that this study will contribute to what Van Rensburg (1992) has termed the 'democratization'4 of the Afrikaans grammar. Secondly, as mentioned above, the sociolinguistic details of the indigenous people can hardly be speculated on (see Chapter Two). Yet, it is clear that the Dutch language went through changes in a contact situation with initially the Khoesan languages, later on contributed to by various other languages brought to South Africa by the slaves the Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie (henceforth: VOC) acquired.

At the same time, as a consequence of the nature of the data in this study, which are primarily letters from nineteenth-century Oorlams (infra), our historical horizons on these peoples will be widened. A large part of the nineteenth-century written testimony remains at most times open to a vast variety of paraphrases. In this sense, this study reaches interdisciplinary objectives where the linguistic examination of the nineteenth-century letters makes an important contribution to our knowledge and understanding of what leaders in the making of southern African history have purveyed. Related to this, and of equal importance, is the cognizance that the linguistic variation exhibited in the data of this study cannot be explained but from historical propensities (cf. § 3.2.1.2).

The protracted struggle for dominance, with the main protagonists being the sparse Khoesan and Herero population of what is present-day south-central Namibia, and the new groups which were emerging from Cape colonial society, is a secondary theme throughout this study. The Cape colonial groups, which were people of predominantly mixed racial or cultural origin (known in the parlance of the day as 'Basta(a)rds' (> Basters), 'Bastaard-Hottentots', 'Oorlams' or 'Oorlam-Nama') who

[^2]trekked north, gradually acquired a new cultural and political identity. Besides manumitted slaves, these groups also contained individuals from social backgrounds which included a variety of situations related to colonial discontent - "fugitives, Company" deserters, runaways, bandits, murderers and assorted criminals - whose importance on both Khoisan and colonial societies was frequently immense" (Penn 1995:ii). By the middle of the nineteenth century adventurous traders and vocational ${ }^{6}$ or otherwise inspired missionaries emerged as additional role-players in the struggle. The corpus of this study centers around the correspondence of the Oorlam-Nama leaders who roamed the vast territory to the north of the Orange River, and focuses in particular on the written legacy of the Oorlam Kapitein Jan Jonker Afrikaner.

In the syntactic analysis of the material investigated in this study, I will follow the theoretical developments as put forward in the framework of Generative Grammar, drawing on its theory of linguistic universals to explain differences between languages. The syntactic structures in the Verb Phrase (VP), which have been perceived throughout the literature as (un-)Germanic characteristics of Afrikaans, form the core subject of this examination. In Chapter Two I will first survey the origins and diversification of Afrikaans from its earliest days, whereafter the linguistic characteristics of the Afrikaans, Dutch and ORA grammar are evaluated against the background of other (Dutch derived) creole languages. In Chapter Three the historical and socio-economic background of the OorlamNama people, and in particular the Afrikaner family is described, followed by a further characterization of the corpus of this study. From the available historical details it will be argued that the language of the present corpus is a representative forerunner of present-day Griqua Afrikaans, as well as a continuation of the CDV. One conclusion which emerges from this investigation is that individuals may have had the command of different registers veering between the metropolitan (acrolectal) target language and the vernacular (basilectal variants; see Chapter Two (§ 2.2) on this terminology). Chapter Four details the variation in the pronominal paradigm in the present corpus in comparison to Dutch and diachronic Afrikaans sources. In Chapter Five theoretical aspects of the Germanic and Afrikaans VP are introduced. In Chapter Six the data concerning the VP in the source material presented here are analyzed with reference to both the CDV and contemporary ORA.

[^3]
### 1.1 Sources

### 1.1.1 Field research

Linguistic fieldwork in South Africa has proved to be one of the most difficult tasks. Even soliciting judgements of synchronic Standard Afrikaans constructions can be a tedious exercise. Perhaps not being a native speaker was a considerable drawback, for I could always see a worry at the back of the head of my informants, when asking them their judgements on yet another construal inspired by Generative Grammar: how was I, speaking with a Dutch accent, ever going to master the basics of Afrikaans syntax considering sentences "like that"? Others were often quite concerned that they would be making mistakes in their answers against the prescribed (school) grammar, whereas I was after their untutored intuitions. Many of the constructions I tried to test, I was not able to get two people to agree on; also people would change their mind about the grammaticality after a lapse of time. Chapter Five, on the Afrikaans data on Verb Raising constructions has suffered from this in particular. In the end I had to confront the question if I was not making a comparative study between apples and pears. Although variability of speaker judgements is a well-known problem in generative grammar, ${ }^{7}$ my impression is that Standard Afrikaans might not have stabilized out on a number of syntactic aspects. It would be worth a study to determine which factors are involved, but evaluating the impression I have been left with, people with a knowledge of English will not accept so-called non-standard variants as easily as people who are monolingual Afrikaans speakers. Secondly, Afrikaans speakers with some knowledge of Dutch (i.e., most colleagues in the Afrikaans \& Nederlands department) are much readier to accept a Standard Dutch construction translated into Afrikaans, than the monolingual Afrikaans speakers. Another way of putting the latter impression would be to say that they are much more hesitant to refute such examples as having become ungrammatical or at least marginal.

Therefore, judgements in this thesis about the Standard Afrikaans grammar have been carried out along a scale of acceptance. Generally on a scale of five alternatives as in (1):

[^4](1) [unmarked] Grammatical Standard Afrikaans.
? Other people use this construction but I do not speak like this myself.
\# Non-standard Afrikaans.
\% Marginal.

* Ungrammatical.

The synchronic non-standard data were not tested but all taken from the literature, in particular from Van Rensburg (1984) on Griqua Afrikaans (henceforth also referred to as GA84), but also from Visser (1989) on variation in spoken Namaqualand varieties, Le Roux (1988) on Rehoboth Afrikaans, Fourie (1985) on Riemvasmaak Afrikaans and from the study by Nieuwoudt (1990) on the variation between the languages which are classified as ORA. ${ }^{8}$

The diachronic data concentrates on manuscripts from the correspondence of Jan Jonker Afrikaner (1820-1889) as collected from a corpus of Oorlam-Nama letters in the Windhoek National Archives (henceforth: NA) in Namibia. The letters originate chiefly from the so-called 'Vedder collection' and the Rheinische Missionsgesellschaft (henceforth: RMG-files). The former is officially identified as 'the Maharero collection' (NA: Accession A3, Maharero, 1860-1887. Donor: dr. H. Vedder 1948. 2 Vols. ${ }^{9}$ ). In the Vedder collection there are 75 letters by different authors of which twelve are from the Oorlam-Nama leader Jan Jonker Afrikaner. These manuscripts are all type-scripted by dr. Vedder. Because the originals are chiefly written with blue ink on blue paper they are difficult to photostat. Therefore 1 took recourse to the type-written copies ${ }^{10}$ of dr. Vedder, although on closer examination at a later stage I did find inaccuracies in these transcriptions. The RMG-files, (NA: Accession 237, 1866-1873) contain correspondence between Jan Jonker Afrikaner, the missionary Carl Hugo Hahn, Maharero, David Christian, and other contemporaries. These letters are all handwritten manuscripts

[^5]and the transcriptions included here ( 26 letters by Jan Jonker Afrikaner), have been made from these originals. Further letters from the hand of Jan Jonker Afrikaner originate from the Cape Archives. (one letter), from the 'Andersson Papers' ${ }^{11}$ (NA: Andersson Papers, Vol. 11), as published in Lau (ed., 1989:249-279). In total 44 letters from the hand of Jan Jonker Afrikaner were found covering the period 1863-1881. One letter, dated 1889, originates from the correspondence in the "Witbooi Diary" (NA, Accession A2, published in Voigts (1929) by the Van Riebeeck Society, №.9). In Chapter Three (§ 3.2.1.2), a chronological outline of the corpus, including place, date and addressee, is listed.

### 1.1.2 Transcriptions

The manuscripts are presented unaltered and I have stayed as close to the original as possible, including the length of the lines. I have not corrected spelling mistakes, etc. This implies that I tried not to omit any information which can be rendered in a printed form, e.g. corrections by the author, additions etc. are included in the transcript. I kept various types of information by way of a consistently applied system of diplomatic symbols.

[^6]
### 1.1.2.1 Diplomatic symbols ${ }^{12}$

Below, the list of the symbols used:

| Additions: | $<>$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| <a> | $a$ added on the line |
| <olea> | $a$ added over the line |
| <ul-a> | $a$ added under the line |
| <lmea> | $a$ added in left margin |
| <mma> | $a$ added in right margin |
| <tm ${ }^{\text {a }}$ > | $a$ added in top margin |
| <bmea> | $a$ added in bottom margin as a footnote |
| <*.*> | something is added, but illegible |
| *<a>* | $a$ possibly added on the line |
| <rs•a> | $a$ added on the reverse side of the paper |
| [a] | $a$ added by the editor |

Omissions: [-]

| $[-a]$ | $a$ deleted |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\left[-{ }^{*} .{ }^{*}\right]$ | deleted and illegible |

Uncertain readings:
*a* $\quad a$ is uncertain
$\mathrm{a}^{*} \mathrm{~b}^{*} \quad b$ behind $a$ is uncertain
*word* whole word is uncertain
..word uncertain how the word begins (damaged left margin edge)
word. uncertain how the word ends (damaged right margin edge)

[^7]
### 1.1.2.2 Glosses

The Dutch gloss aims to provide a sentence as close to Dutch as possible. Deviations from the Dutch syntax have been indicated by addition of the word or the grammatical category (abbreviated, see Preface: vi) between square brackets, as for example [D], where a determiner or demonstrative could not be omitted. Word order violations are rectified by putting the [word>] (/[<word]) in the correct place and by means of an arrow between square brackets $[->],[<-]$ in the position where the word occurs in the manuscript. The arrows do not indicate any direction of movement etc. in current theoretical terms, but are merely an indication for the reader where the word is to be found. However, constructions with verb-second in the subordinate clause (a feature of present-day Afrikaans) and the Verb Projection Raising construction (partly allowed in present-day Afrikaans, see § 5.2.5) are left unaltered. Superfluous words in the text are indicated according to the key above, by a minus sign between square brackets [-]. However, in sentences where the finite verb occurs twice (usually in the verb-second position and in siu, see Chapter Six), one of the two is glossed with [-V]. Words written as two which represent only a single lemma as, for example, groete nes (Dutch: groeten, groetenis, Afrikaans: groetnis, 'greetings') are glossed under the first part. The second part is given a single minus sign '-'. Compounds that do not exist in Dutch, or two words written as one are separated in the glosses by a point [.]. There are many calques on Dutch expressions which I have translated literally and commented on by means of footnotes. The Dutch is provided with punctuation according to my (subjective) judgement. The English gloss below the Dutch one aims to stay as close to the original as possible, and in these I have made use of abstract grammatical symbols. Where agreement on the verb is used correctly this is translated in English; where not, the English gloss is rendered as an uninflected form as the Dutch glosses show the form that was aimed at. Passives are translated word for word, with no further marking.

The letters in the appendix (I) are grouped in three sections following the periodical division that can be distinguished in the Jan Jonker Afrikaner letters (see Chapter Three, §3.2.1.2). Because of its length Period I is subdivided into two sections, section IA (letters 1-13) and section IB (letters 1428). The letters are followed by a continuous free English translation with further historical clarifications by means of notes in Appendix II.

It is noted that until now, details about non-standard varieties of Afrikaans have come to book chiefly featuring an array of notable "peculiarities", rather anecdotal," as for example Rademeyer (1938) and Van Zijl (1947); the latter carrying this distinction in the title. Links (1983) largely confines his analysis of Kharkams ${ }^{14}$ to phonological and lexical idiosyncracies (less than $15 \%$ of the thesis is on syntax). Furthermore, the aforementioned studies consist of reported and/or solicited speech. In contrast, the present data consist of mainly frst-hand written language from the very author (see $\$$ 3.2.1.1 for motivation of this detail). In Van Rensburg (1984) the spoken language is recorded, as a result of which pragmatic factors cannot always be distinguished from syntactic aberrations. ${ }^{15}$ Since Van Rensburg (1984) a number of unpublished university studies have dealt with contemporaneous variants of ORA (Visser (1989), Le Roux (1988), Fourie (1985), Nieuwoudt (1990) a.o.), but again, as the analyses in Van Rensburg 1984, these are chiefly centered around variation based on quantificational criteria: the very obvious differences between ORA and SA (cf. §2.5.2). A second problem, inherent to the descriptions of the varieties of Afrikaans is the approach to constructions that overlap with SA. On the one hand, if these constructions are included, the variety is not clearly distinguished from the standard language. On the other hand their exclusion results in an incomplete description of the variety.

### 1.2 Framework

The syntactic analysis of the data in the present corpus will be carried out in the theoretical framework known as Generative Grammar (henceforth: GG; Chomsky 1981, 1986). Over the last decade Generative Grammar (also: Government and Binding (GB-)theory) has moved away from using phrase structure rules as the basic specifiers of syntactic structure; instead, the theory has come

[^8]to see phrase structure as the instantiation of a number of licensing relations, chiefly theta-role assignment, Case, agreement, and predication. The most recent development in Generative Grammar, the so-called Minimalist Program (MP) (Kayne 1994, Chomsky 1995, 1998), will also be considered The assumptions concerning the main principles and mechanisms of these by now quite distinct approaches, will receive treatment in the pertinent sections in Chapter Five and Six.

The central idea, within GG is that languages consist of a basic core of principles (Universal Grammar: UG) with associated parameters that interact in a modular fashion. The settings of the parametric values regulate further characteristics allowing for the diversity in language typology. In this view, the distinctions between the languages of the world are due to altemate settings of 'switches' of a specific parameter, ${ }^{36}$ and/or because of the interacting modular restrictions that hold in Universal Grammar.

One such proposal about the Verb Phrase (VP) is that "rich" verbal inflections constitute a trigger for verb displacement (verb movement) because such morphology is listed in the lexicon and inserted in the syntax in a different position than the verbal stem (outside the VP, i.e. in a separate position from the verbal stem; (in one particular view, infra)). As affixal heads they cause the verb to raise overtly to this (higher) position in the structure. This movement can be diagnosed by, for example, the placement of the verb to the left of certain adverbials in French (cf. Pollock 1989). At the basis of these assumptions lies the so-called post-lexicalist approach to the morphology-syntax relation. It assumes that morphemes are bundles of features (semantic, syntactic, and phonological features), which are present throughout the syntactic derivation. In Morpholociy (the morphological component), forms are selected corresponding to the feature bundles that form the output of the syntactic derivation (up to the Spell-Out point, infra, and § 5.1.4 for further details). Within the Minimalist Program, Functional Projections (FPs) are projected on a one to one relation with substantive items for their licensing requirements. In other words each lexical item results in a functional projection of one, and only one, corresponding functional category. Head movement and incorporation yield a morphosyntactic object which is fed to both the interpretative component and the phonological component (PF).

[^9]I will adopt the general tenets of the MP as presented in the literature, which have resulted in a configurational structure as in (2) for the Dutch main clause (cf. Zwart 1997).

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The demarcation line in (2) delineates the notions of Functional Projections and Lexical items, the former attracting the substantial lemma. Thus, the subject in [Spec, VP] will be licensed in the FP, Agreement Subject Phrase (AgrSP), the verb will 'pick up' Tense (and from there on Agreement with the subject) through the Tense Phrase (TP). The object is licensed in the Agreement Object Phrase (AgrOP). In the scenario as sketched above, two practical suggestions rival. For example: the verb buy, third person singular ('[he] buys [the book]'), in the one view will have the stem buy generated in the position $V$ and the inflectional element $3 S(-s)$ in the functional counterpart AgrS , where the verb 'picks it up' ${ }^{17}$ (overtly or covertly, infra). In the other view, the verb buy-3S, is formed in MORPHOLOGY and enters the derivation as [buys] in the position labeled $V$. The functional counterparts carry the same information features ([V]-[present Tense]-[3S]) and the element in $V$ has

[^10]to match with these, otherwise the structure is rejected (will be ungrammatical). E.g., if MORPHOLOGY selects buys in the case where the subject is 1PL (*we buys the book). A further difference is made between overt and covert movement, depending on the "strength" of the functional projections. This distinction entails that a "strong" FP will attract a lexical item prior to the point of Spell-Out (hence: 'overtly", visible by word order variation). A "weak" FP attracts the same functional information but covertly, at the interpretative level, (not showing differences in word order).

The proposals about the morphology-syntax interface are far from unproblematic, yet they make interesting predictions which, (in principle) can be tested. In the case of Dutch vs. Afrikaans syntax, contradictions in the verb displacement proposal are immediately obvious: Dutch has a (rich) morphological inflectional system, Afrikaans has no morphological inflection (see Chapter Two, § 2.5.1.1), yet there are no obvious immediate differences in word order. On the other hand, although Afrikaans is in certain respects very similar to Dutch, the changes away from Dutch are fundamental. To mention one example, in Linking Verb structures (Afrikaans: skakelwerkwoorde), both the Linking Verb and the Main Verb can appear in the verb-second slot (see §5.2.5). Further discrepancies are the presence of the prepositional object marker (objective vir) and the feature of a double negation ( $\$ 2.5,1$ ). Another fact is that Afrikaans exhibits far stricter rules affecting the placement of constituents. For example, the temporal auxiliary het, outside the main clause, must obligatorily appear sentence final as shown in (3), (see further Chapter Five).
(3a) ..dat Karel het boek gekocht heeff ${ }^{18}$..that Karel the book bought has $\quad$ Dutch

[^11]The technicalities of the mechanisms involved in GG have changed rapidly over the last decade. In the nineteen-eighties the Continental West Germanic (henceforth: CWG-)languages were analyzed as differing typologically in their base constituent word order from, for example, English, the former featuring Object-Verb word order (OV), and the latter Verb-Object order (VO). Within the MP framework, on the contrary, all languages are assumed to derive from a base (universal) VO ordering (Kayne 1994; for Dutch as an SVO language see Zwart 1997), despite the fact that the object cannot follow the verb in the CWG-languages as shown in (4). ${ }^{19}$ Within the MP framework these differences are accounted for in terms of available landing-sites (the position of AgrOP) of the constituents (cf. the sketch in (2), above).
(4a) ..dat Karel het boek koopt
..that Karel the book buys
(b) ..dat Karel koopt het boek
..that Karel buys the book.

In the subsequent discussion I will review the assumptions and consequences from both the SOV and the SVO-perspective, partly for expository reasons as the SOV-analysis of the Dutch VP, specifically the mechanism of Verb Raising (Chapter Five), details this clearer.

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### 2.1 Origins: the first decades of the settiement at the Cape of Good Hope

The Khoekhoe, ${ }^{1}$ later called Hottentots by the European colonizers, were a people who were spread over much of southern Africa when the Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie (VOC) decided to start a refreshment station at the Cape (Giliomee \& Elphick 1982:3). The officials and staff of the VOC make further mention of the San (referred to as Bosjesman (Bushmen)), a people of a similar origin as the Khoekhoe but basically distinguished from the Hottentots on economic grounds. Nowadays the San are identified to be of different ethnicity than the Khoekhoe;, in the literature these peoples have again become grouped together and are generally referred to as the Khoesan, their languages as the Khoesan languages (cf. § 3.2).

The numbers of Khoesan in the Cape peninsula and beyond in the early days of the Dutch colony have never been enunciated as they lived largely in migratory patterns. In a study by Bredekamp (1982), divisional lines are drawn in terms of the distance Khoekhoe tribes lived from the fort. Seventeenth-

[^13]century descriptions of these Khoekhoe tribes by European travelers to southem Africa have been evaluated in Nienaber (1989). 19 different tribes are identified between the Orange River in the north and the Kei River in the east in the earliest days of the refreshment station (op.cit.: xxxi). However, references to the size of the tribes are scarce. Population estimates by Van Riebeeck anno 1662 for the Goringhaiqua and Gorachouquwna" ("Caep mans" and "Tabacdieven" respectively), are "buijten vrou ende kinderen omtrent 300 weerbaere coppen" (besides women and children 300 able men), and, for the latter " 6 a 700 weerbaere manne, buijten vroww ende kinderen." ( 6 to 700 able men besides women and children) (Nienaber 1989:410, 402). The Cochoquwna, also referred to as "Saldanhars" and as "Koekemans", from further north, possibly the Company's major cattle suppliers, "was den allergrootsten [stam] van al de Hottentoos,.. gemeent wort deselve wel 17 à 18 duizend zielen stercq sijn..." (was the biggest tribe of all the Hottentots; it is estimated that they may be 17 to 18 thousand souls in number) (op.cit.:265). Another, numerically negligible, yet highly present fourth group, who initially served as translators and go-betweens (infra), were the impoverished Goringhaikona, better known as "Strandlopers" or "Watermans". Their number is estimated by Van Riebeeck "behalven vrouw en kinderen niet boven 18 man sterk" (except for women and children no more than 18 men strong), in 1662 (op.cit.: 407). Wagenaer anno 1666, reports:

Deselve waren op mijn aencomste alhier eerst niet boven de 30 coppen sterck, maer hebben naderhant een aenhanck van diergelijcken geboefte uijt 'iland daer bij gecregen, die nu met vrouwen en kinderen wel een rott van 70 of 80 off meer coppen zullen cummen uijmaken. ${ }^{4}$ (Nienaber 1989:408).

The latter report also shows that Khoekhoe tribes were not necessarily based on kinship relations, but also resulted from socio-economic circumstances, as in this particular case.

[^14]The demographic figures for the Europeans are well documented. In the first decades of the refreshment station at the Cape of Good Hope, the dearth of European women is often reported on. Van Ginneken (1913 [1928]:206) specifies that in 1688, thirty-six years after the station had been started, only 88 adult European women resided at the Cape, compared to 254 men and 231 children. ${ }^{5}$ Hereafter, a number of French Huguenots found their refuge in the Cape and in 1694 the total number of Europeans was 1159.

Slaves entered the Cape from 1658 onwards. ${ }^{6}$ They originated from West- and East-Africa (Mozambique), the Indonesian Archipelago, the Indian sub-continent, Madagascar and the Mascarenes. In the beginning they arrived in numbers no larger than 200 to 500 per year, but from 1712 onwards these numbers steadily increased (Shell 1994:12). Shell (op.cit.:20) claims that farm owners would seek to purchase their slaves from different origins, as this would diminish the risk of rebellion and desertion. Locally born slaves, who allegedly could always speak Dutch, had the highest premium. Importantly, the slaves in the Cape Colony were more like servants and not, as the usual take, the other way around. In the more remote districts the Khoekhoe performed similar tasks to the slaves, but they were not entitled to wages; their 'freedom' merely meant that they could not be bought or sold. It was, however, not until early in the eighteenth century that the number of slaves began surpassing the number of the free population.

From this sketch it follows that the possible languages of influence in the genesis and subsequent development of Afrikaans include the Khoesan languages, Malay, Buginese, so-called IndoPortuguese or Creole-Portuguese, ${ }^{7}$ and varieties of Malay- or Indo-Portuguese, as well as the common assortment of European languages that featured in the colonial setting (cf. Ponelis

[^15]1993:15ff.). The level of integration between the different groups of the society can only be guessed. ${ }^{8}$ Bredekamp (1982:87) claims that
bloedvermenging en huwelike tussen Khoikhoi en Blankes 'n seldsame verskynsel was [..] deels omdat die Europeërs in die algemeen 'n afkeer van die Khoikhoi vrou se voorkoms, higiëne en versierings gehad het; deels omdat die Khoikhoi samelewing vrye geslagsverkeer skerp veroordeel het. ${ }^{9}$

According to the VOC records ${ }^{10}$ miscegenation of the slaves with the indigenous people was highly common and a century later a new population group emerged from this society, who were the offspring of Europeans, Khoekhoe and slaves simply called Basters or Baster-Hottentois (Franken 1953:15-27, Valkhoff 1966, 1972, Raidt 1983:11, Roberge 1993:55, Penn 1995:158), later on also referred to as Oorlams (see p. 23, below).

From the historical details it is clear that at the outset there were two different cultures meeting each other. Economically a trade and barter relationship developed between these two parties. The VOC had resolved not to enslave the local population. Only more than a decade later, when the refreshment station started to prove a viable operation ${ }^{11}$ and the Dutch settlers needed more hands to cope with the work, slaves were brought in. Importantly, in the initial stage it was Khoe-Dutch contact and not e.g. Malay-Dutch or Portuguese-Dutch contact that set the scene for the genesis of Afrikaans.

[^16]Prior to the Dutch decision to establish a refreshment station for their personnel on voyages to the East, ${ }^{12}$ English ships had taken Khoekhoe with them and it is highly likely that a few English words were introduced into the Khoekhoe languages from this acculturation event (Den Besten 1987a:11). One of these people was the Goringhaikona ('Strandloper') captain Autshomao, also known by the European name of Herrie or Harry; hence the prominent role of the Strandlopers at the time the founding of the settlement (see p.16). When Van Riebeeck ${ }^{13}$ arrived he was probably only able to rely on Herrie as his interpreter for cattle trading with other Khockhoe from the interior. In 1658 a Goringhaikwa, Doman, reportedly returned from Batavia, where he had been taken for one year to be trained as a Company go-between (Bredekamp 1982:13). The linguistic aptitude of the local population has often been commented on (cf. Nienaber 1963, Scholtz 1980:38). There are equally many remarks about how notoriously unfeasible it was for the newcomers to understand a single syllable of the Khoesan languages as these are strikingly rich in 'click' sounds. ${ }^{14}$ It is quoted that the Europeans perceived their speech as only sobs and sighs, "[t] heir words [being] for the most part inarticulate, and, in speaking they clocke with the Tongue like a brood Hen, which clocking and the word are both pronounced together, verie strangely". ${ }^{15}$ The general opinion of the colonizers seems to have been that through an age-long process of de-humanization the Hottentots had lost the ability to talk like humans (Fredrickson 1981:11; cf. Bredekamp 1982: 3ff., also Nienaber 1963:8ff.). Reportedly, some Hottentots already spoke a broken Dutch in the earliest days of the settlement, which must be classified as a trade or barter jargon. In the first decade note is made of some Khoekhoe who were quite fluent in Dutch. In 1663 for example, the Khoekhoe interpreter Eva (Krotoa) had married a European (Van Meerhoff, a VOC official) and we can assume some sort of bilingualism on the part of the Khoekhoe (cf. Matthee 2000:23). However, part of the premises in the theories concerning language developments in southern Africa has been that the influence of the

[^17]Khoekhoe was minimal. In broad lines, their role in society has largely been depicted as a poor, adaptive community which was (soon) overpowered by the incoming Europeans. It is assumed that they would have ceased to exist as a factor of (linguistic) influence after about half a century of colonial expansion at the Cape (Roberge 1993:44, 48; 19996:91). The event of a smallpox-epidemic in 1713 further sets the landmark of their passing. ${ }^{16}$

Connected to the aftermath of the forces that prompted the expansion of the Colony, in case of unrest or trouble with the original inhabitants of the newly acquired territories, the Europeans called upon the institution of the kommando (commando), in which all neighboring farmers in an area had to take part. From around 1715 this institution had been invoked to replace the VOC servicemen as the main agency for the defense of the colonial interior (Giliomee \& Elphick 1982:27). Initially they were manned by vrijburgers, subsequently often accompanied by their servants, of all races. In 1739 the commando became compulsory for all the farmers in the interior. Individuals could call upon the veldkornet to call up a commando; he in turn was responsible to the local landdrost. The commando was not very popular amongst the farmers in the interior, often taking them away from their farms for periods of more than four months, but they were bound by it as they were also entirely dependent on the government for their firearms and ammunition for other purposes. A substantial part of the correspondence in the Cape Town archives are missives to the landdrost asking to be excused from commando service for personal or economic reasons (cf. Penn 1995:243, quoting veldkornet Van der

[^18]Merwe, anno 1780 "I get more excuses than men"). On the other hand, less reputable trekboere were not shy of organizing cattle raiding expeditions amongst the Khoesan under this banner (see Pem 1995, Chapter Two). It also becomes clear that the indigenous population was actively involved in both legitimate service and banditry. Legassick (1982:274) assesses that in the beginning it was,


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the colonial citizens who moved out to tap new trade routes or new hunting grounds, [they] would have found Khoi Khoi eager to accept arms and powder in returt for serving as guides $\mid$... $\mid$ By the end of the 18 th century, this class of Khoi Khoi dependants, some of them having regained autonomy, had become sufficiently numerous to become known as Oorlams, that is Hottentots who are born and bred with the farmers, most of whom understand and speak the low Dutch language [translated-cl].


The close interaction of the less well-to-do trekboere and the Khoesan along the northern frontier in the beginning of the eighteenth century, is further outlined by the fact that the legal owners of the leenplaase (loan-farms, as administrated by the VOC) were typically not residing on these properties but in the peninsula (Penn 1995:95). Notwithstanding that, rivalry for the office of field cornet amongst the leading farmers was not free of animosities and ulterior motives (cf. Penn 1995:427-428; also the history of Estienne Barbier as a 'social bandit' (Penn 1995:102-126, 1999:101-129, Pheiffer 1980:13-71) in an environment sketched as the "corrupt and venal world of Cape politics" (Penn 1995:114). The commando also led to a further division of the Khoesan in the interior as those who were part of the volk on frontier farms, for all that they gradually became acculturated as subordinates in colonial society, were drawn nonetheless from the ranks of the very people with whom the farmers were contesting the right of occupation of the land (Newton-King 1986:110, Penn 1995:245). As illustrated from one such an incident in 1804 along the Sak River, the alliances in these military-like enterprises were not defined along ethnic lines:

[^19]From the demographic record of the population, leaving a century of historical controversies aside, it is clear that as the colony grew and diversified its borders expanded accordingly. The developments gave rise to many migrations which are presently not well understood, ${ }^{17}$ except that life was made very difficult for the Khoekhoe (and the San) in the Colony with the proclamation of the "Hottentot Code" by the British authorities in 1809. This law had been designed to have a protective function, but de facto it gave legal form to forced labor practices:

> Every Hottentot had to have a 'fixed place of abode', which in practice meant residence with a European. If he was found 'going about' the country, without a pass signed by his master or the landdrosf (magistrate) he would be regarded as a 'vagabond' and summarily arrested (Newton King $1986: 111$ ).

Assessing the social stratification at a random point in time, when all these forces were in full play, for example, roughly around 1750, we have the following setting from bottom to top: there is the slave, the unfree one on the lowest part of the scale. Then, as employees of the VOC and vrijhurgers ${ }^{18}$ in the Colony, the Hottentots are next up, in a way also unfree, as they became detribalized. Barely above the level of a slave, their existence depended totally on the economy of the people around them. Above this stood the Oorlam, also very much a detribalized lineage, but with strong self-esteem and self-reliance. Basically the Oorlams were the more enterprising ones, some were christened and had acquired a little education; some had bought themselves free from slavery, others served a role in the politics of those days, in the commandos that served as a buffer in border matters. Above the Oorlams stood the Basters. They were in fact often of the same upbringing as the Oorlams but they might have had a little difference in their ancestry: most of them were proud to claim with good certainty, varying degrees of "white" blood in their veins (Nienaber 1989:25). For all of these people, the Europeans stood as the role model and the target to achieve. Bantu-Nguni tribes were not entirely absent from these parts of the world in those days but of very little essential influence on the developments.

[^20]Much has been said about the meaning of the word "Oorlam"19 (for an exhaustive summary see Nienaber 1989:794-803), but it is generally accepted that it originates from Malayan orang lama (datong) which means "someone who came long ago (to the East)", i.e. someone who knows the land, the people and their customs and therefore will not offend against any sensitive conventions. The notion is opposed to the term baar, from Malayan (orang) beharoe (datang): "a person who is new in the country, who only recently arrived". Both in Dutch and Afrikaans baar has taken on the meaning of 'novice', 'inexperienced', 'freshman' and hence also 'dumb'. Oorlam still has its original meaning in Dutch, in Afrikaans it has taken on further significations as 'clever' (skelm), 'able', 'capable' and hence connotations as 'cunning', 'shrewd'. The former, positive meaning of the word has been related to this new "elite" amongst the descendants of the colonial community. The question arises how these Oorlams were organized. Lau $(1987,1995)$ suggests that each subdivision formed a group,
with at its core a fairly small military oligarchy, an elite of 'commando' leaders, craftsmen in smithing, carpentry and sometimes road building, immensely skilled in guerrilla warfare and cattle raids. Invariably educated, literate and well-versed in Cape colonial politics. Their following were closely associated individuals and their servants, and their (extended) families, and whole clusters

[^21]of villages or other tribes or groups such as the indigenous Namaland Topnars (Lau 1995;viii).

The relationships that bound them were not based on kin or genealogy but were rather feudal-type allegiances, with the most vanied forms of tributes being paid. The proceeds of these went towards buying the prized commodities from the Cape on which they became so dependent: guns, horses and ammunition.

Note that the word Baster has been associated with different population groups through time. In the late eighteenth century the Griqua called themselves Basters, but this appellation was changed on the advice of missionary Campbell (see $\S 3.1 .2$, p.70). In the 1860 s a new group calling themselves Bosters emerged on the scene, specifically distinguished from the Oorlam, who settled down in the vacant territory around Rehoboth (the forefathers of the present-day Rehoboth Basters in Namibia; see $\$ 3.1 .2$, footnote 18 , p.70). In the twentieth century, in turn, the Khoekhoe Korana also adopted the ethnonym Griqua (see $\S 3.2$, p.83).

In Chapter Three the pursuits of the Oorlam on the northern border of nineteenth-century southern Africa will be further explored.

In addition to the influence of Khoekhoe other non-European languages, (Pasar) Malay and Malayor Indo-Portuguese, brought in by the slaves acquired by the VOC, must have been prominent in the spoken language in the formative years. ${ }^{20}$ An exact ranking however, is an intricate task, partly because the ethnonymic labeling used both by the Europeans and indigenes of the day is discursive and exceedingly flexible in reference. Bearing in mind the vastness of the settlement territory, in which relatively small groups of people settled down quite isolated from each other, we can assume that different processes of language change could have operated simultaneously in different locations. In statistical terms all the ingredients to provide for the emergence of a prototypical creole language (cf. Bickerton 1981, 1984) are in place. The reason why this never happened is suggested to be found in the demographic settlement patterns (Giliomee $\&$ Elphick 1982). According to these comparative assessments social stratification along the lines of the so-called plantation situation, as witnessed in

[^22]the Caribbean, or even the prototypical fort-creole situation, never existed in southern Africa. ${ }^{21}$

Language-wise by around 1750, we have the following diversification: at the lowest end of the social scale stood the slaves, imported by sea from the East, Madagascar and Mozambique. From their numbers and heterogeneity it can be assumed that they must have gained some knowledge of languages other than their mother tongue. ${ }^{22}$ The slave's languages themselves were never recognized, even forbidden by the authorities. ${ }^{23}$ Although, as Valkhoff $(1966,1972)$ hypothesized, there certainly may have been room for the existence of a creole-Portuguese medium between the colonizer and the workforce, details are conflicting. Shell (1994:29) quotes an English visitor to the Cape in 1777, who notes that the slave-owners were obliged to learn the slaves' lingua franca (presumably based on Malay-Portuguese), and not the other way around. ${ }^{24}$ Other reports, as early as 1740 , reflect a complete tower of Babel, from which a new lingua franca, based on Dutch emerged which "was intelligible to all" (Shell 1994:30). ${ }^{25}$ Yet, it is unknown which language is meant, Dutch or Afrikaans, or an early combination of these. The considerations to establish "when the language is Afrikaans" in the formative years, have been attentively measured in Roberge (1993) and I refer the reader to this appraisal. ${ }^{26}$ Besides, as Nienaber (1934:24) has warned: "dating Afrikaans, is courting danger". It might be that the variety Shell refers to is the one which is identified in later years as 'Kitchen

[^23]${ }^{26}$ Sce also the comprchensive evaluation of the politics involved in dating Afrikaans in Ponclis 1993:69ff.

Dutch', ${ }^{27}$ but note that Nienaber (1950:36) still distinguished between Here-Afrikaans, BoereAfrikaans, and Hottentot-Afrikaans from sources in $1875 .{ }^{28}$ It is likely these ought to be equated with an Afrikaans acrolect, mesolect and basilect, respectively, in accordance with the evaluation in Roberge (1993:52), that "there was not enough room, or rather too much space for the development of a coherent single creole" (see further $\$ 2.3$ ). Although it remains a daunting task to make sense of the variation that is found in the archival sources in Cape Town, the linguistic situation may have been comparable to the difference between bakra longo and nengre longo in Sranan creole in eighteenth-century Surinam (Muysken, 1995:342), c.q. the distinction in Negerhollands between Hochkreol and Platikreol (low and high creole) in the (now US) Virgin Island settlements (AdamsGraves $1977: 58,88$ ). These terms do not refer to geographically separated variations of a language with the same basic grammar while varying phonologically, as is the case with Low and High German. In the cases of creole languages the terms are based on the degree to which version in question approximates Standard Dutch. They are often associated with the social status of the speakers (cf. Den Besten 1987b:86). Aithough Afrikaans/Dutch in the eighteenth/ nineteenth century was probably highly variable, it ultimately has stabilized out in one of its 'high' or acrolectal variants. This is in opposition to what happened in other Dutch-derived creole languages (e.g., Negerhollands, Berbice Dutch). In those languages the 'high' variant gradually was used less and less by the upper middle class with as a result a 'typical' creole as the Negerhollands slave language recorded in the twentieth century (Adams Graves 1977:88; Van Rossum \& Van der Voort 1996) or Berbice Dutch (Kouwenberg 1994). Sociolinguistic considerations based on size and spread of the slave-holding households (a 'homestead society ${ }^{29}$ ), as well as the turn-over and influx of Europeans in southern Africa, would be comparable to for example St. Kitts (see Parkvall 1998). Yet, the twentieth-century outcome from such comparable situational conditions has turned out unalike (cf. Bruyn \& Veenstra 1993, Baker \& Bruyn 1998, passim).

[^24]Our linguistic heritage includes a few sentences, annotated in e.g., Den Besten (1987a, 1989a), from both Khoekhoe and slaves that are characterized as pidginized Dutch. ${ }^{30}$ Den Besten (2000b:1) warrants that it is reasonable to assume that the slaves learned their pidgin from the Khoekhoe. Aside that attestations of speech recorded from slaves are minimal in our written diachronic records, they certainly may have been of importance. Evidently the children in the seventeenth-century Cape community had accommodated themselves to some novel form of Dutch (cf. Ponelis 1993:27). From an entry in Van Rheede's diary in 1685 we learn that:
> ...: hier is een gewoonten onder al ons volck, dat lerende dese inlanders de Nederduydsche spraek, en dat deselve dic op haer manieren seer krom en bij nac onverstandelijck spreken, soo volgen de onse haer daer in nae, ja soodanigh, de kinderen van onse Nederlanders haer dat mede aenwendende een gebroken spraek gefondeert werd,...3

However, further characterization or documentation regarding this particular change in speech has not yet been uncovered (cf. Den Besten 2000b). Whilst the differences between the seventeenthcentury pidgin as attested by the slaves and the pidgin sentences uttered by Khoekhoe might be due to chance (op.cit.), the possibility that they further developed 'Hollands' into a partially creolized variant, along scales to what is referred to as the spoken (basilectal) variety of Cape Dutch cannot be disregarded for the lack of firsthand documentation (infra).

Next up the social ladder stood the Oorlams and Basters who clearly had 'Dutch' as their aim (see Chapter Three). Moreover, some had learned to read and write under their master's or the missionaries' tutelage. Their exposure to the target language was somehow more differentiated than that of the lower two classes of society. The population of the Colonizer was not homogeneous

[^25]either, ${ }^{32}$ some had already spent a career in the East (as for example Jan van Riebeeck, see footnote 13, p.19), and, from such experiences we can assume their acquaintance with one contact language or another (cf. Mesthrie et al, 2000:283-287). The nature of the Dutch which became the target language for these people once on southern African soil remains unclear, as will be further discussed in $\$ 2.3$

### 2.2 Language change and the creolization of languages

With regard to the causes of language change, the prime consideration is the earmark set by the notion of contact induced change (cf. Thomason and Kaufman, 1988). The second point is whether it can be determined if language shift took place with normal transmission, or if language shift took place without normal transmission (abrupt change). The former is defined for the situation where two languages of unequal sociolinguistic value meet and the population starts making changes towards the target language. In the event where we find language shift without the normal transmission process prevailing, the situation is characterized in the literature as the emergence of a creole language. In creole studies, since the 1970 s a separate discipline in historical linguistics, pidgins are distinguished from creole languages, under the following definitions: ${ }^{33}$ A pidgin is an auxiliary language that arises when speakers of several mutually unintelligible languages are in close contact. It is a contact vernacular which emerges from an early pidgin stage (jargon), (cf. Romaine 1988:117);

[^26]by definition it has no native speakers. A creole ${ }^{34}$ is a language which comes into existence when children acquire a pidgin as their native tongue; theoretically this process can occur at any stage in the history of a pidgin. As such, a pidgin is a (highly) impoverished language system. It is the product of second language acquisition (SLA) with restricted access to the target language. A creole, on the other hand is the product of first language acquisition generally assumed on the basis of a pidgin (infra). In these terms the difference between pidgins and creoles (henceforth: $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{Cs}$ ) is in terms of nativization (cf. Bickerton 1981, 1984). Creoles are further subdivided into a gradual scale of the basilect, the mesolect and the acrolect. The latter is defined as the variant closest to the target language (the superstrate), the basilect as the furthest away from it; the mesolects as stages in between. When all three stages can simultaneously be identified (usually on sociolinguistic variables as a result of decreolization), we speak of a creole continuum (see Sebba 1997:218, for discussion of the concept as a synchronic phenomenon vs. a continuum from a diachronic point of view). Decreolization takes place when the creole, under the (returned) influence of the superstrate, again takes on the (grammatical) features of this language. In this context Romaine (1988:160) emphasizes the relativity presupposed by the notion of 'target':

In decreolization, speakers progressively change the basilectal grammar so that its ontput gradually comes to resemble the output of an acrolectal grammar. The word 'gradually' needs a gloss here. The degree of closeness to the acrolect attanable at any degrec may be constraned. [...]. by the fact that the speaker's perceptions of his ultimate target may be inaccuratc[.] (Quoting Bickerton 1980:109-110; see also Baker 1990.)

As will be discussed in subsequent sections, besides questions about the reliability of our written record as a representative of the 'Dutch' that emerged in southern Africa, the exact nature of the target which is predominantly referred to as 'Hollands' in the previous centuries is one of the leading inquiries to which this thesis seeks to contribute.

[^27]Concerning the theoretical premises associated with the notion of creolization as a separate, distinguishable type of language development, there is the supposition that creole languages are derived from a pidgin (or pidgin-stages of language mixing). ${ }^{35}$ One relevant factor, often pointed out in the literature, is the speed with which creole languages develop compared to 'normal' processes of language evolution. As expressed by, for example, Janson in his work on articles and plural formation. "What is specific to creoles is the pace and amount of change, but not the general principles for change" (Janson 1984:321; see also Bruyn 1995:128). In this respect, the changes Afrikaans has made away from Dutch certainly fall under the denominator 'creolization'.

Compared, the most salient feature rendering creoles synchronically distinguishable from other languages is identified by the minimal degree of inflection in their structure. Ideally, creoles have no inflection at all ${ }^{36}$ (McWhorter 1998). Secondly the (idealized, prototypical) creole language should make little or no use of tone to lexically contrast otherwise identical monosyllables or to syntactically encode grammatical distinctions. And thirdly, derivation as a means of enlarging the vocabulary should be transparent. Other prototypical features attributed to $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{Cs}$ are serial verb constructions, pre-nasalized stops, postposed demonstratives (general SVO order) and a Case-less pronominal system (cf. the discussion in Romaine (1988:47-70) of the "twelve features of creoles" that have been proposed in the literature, and the references cited there).

Notwithstanding, a creole is a mother tongue and as such, equivalent in its capacity of power of expression to all other mother tongues. Its vocabulary and syntactic devices are, like those of any native language, large enough to meet all communicative needs of its speakers. Yet, often certain sociolinguistic values have become attached to a particular creole as in any culture to any behavioral phenomena. Thus, a creole can be regarded as inferior in social status to its corresponding standard

[^28]language (cf. De Camp 1971:16, Bickerton 1984). ${ }^{37}$

Three types of creole languages are discerned, depending on the socio-historical context in which they arose. ${ }^{38}$ The creole languages that emerged in the Caribbean (e.g. Jamaica, Haiti, Guyana, Surinam) are referred to as plantation creoles, as they developed out of contact of people of various descent on the plantations. A second type is the fort-creole which developed in the fortified posts along the West African coast from which the Europeans coordinated their activities. Sensu stricto any language different from Dutch at Cape Town Castle can be classified under this heading. A third type of historical context which gave rise to creole formation is maroonage. This refers to the situation where slaves (or other dissidents) who escaped from the European influenced environment, subsequently formed their own communities, often in isolated areas (cf. Arends et al 1995). The language which developed along the northern Cape frontier zone in the eighteenth century could perhaps fit into this classification.

Participating languages are identified as the superstrate (the target language, being in most cases a European language), the substrate(s) (the mother tongue of the indentures; classically, in most settings a variety of West African languages), and the adstrates (other participating languages of smaller population groups). In practical terms on southern African terra firma, Dutch was the superstrate, the Khoesan languages the substrates, and the languages brought by the slaves the

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The justification for setting creole languages apart is the striking point, noted by scholars, of grammatical similarities that are shared by creole languages across the world, despite them being derived from a vast variety of different languages. As motivation and explanation for creole genesis, by and large, three different schools of thought rival. The superstratists characterize the development merely as an instance of the imperfect second language acquisition of the superstrate. The substratists emphasize the African or other non-European contributions to creole languages. Most substratists subscribe to what is called the relexification hypothesis. This advances the theory that people acquired the lexicon from the superstrate but maintained their mother tongue grammars ${ }^{40}$ (cf. the definition of Thomason $\&$ Kaufman in footnote 34, p.29). A second line of thought, called the monogenesis hypothesis has sought explanations for the similarities of creole languages in posing a Portuguese based lingua franca which existed at the time of the colonizing enterprise. It supposedly originated on the West coast of Africa and was subsequently relexified with the lexicon of the dominant language in the various colonial settings. ${ }^{41}$ Thirdly, the Language Bioprogram Hypothesis ( LBH ), related to claims in Generative Grammar about an innate Language Acquisition Device (Chomsky 1981; henceforth: LAD), gained influence in the 1980 s from the work of Bickerton (1981, 1984). In this conceptual framework, identical grammatical features across creole languages are assumed to originate from a "programmed" capacity to acquire language amongst humans. In this account children born into the colonized community play a major role. In the inter-ethnic Babel of tongues (the pidgin(s) next to various mother tongues), the children, as first language acquirers, facing the need to construct a language that can suit all communicative needs, whilst receiving an imperfect "input", invoked their LAD resulting in the creole. In this way it is claimed that creole

[^30]"See Baker (1996) for an evaluation of this proposal.
languages reflect universal aspects of the human language capacity. Within the concepts of the theory of Principles and Parameter settings (see § 1.2), the structural similarities across creoles arise, as creoles instantiate the default values of the parameters.

### 2.3 Cape Dutch: theoretical perspectives

From demographic data as sketched in $\S 2.1$, we can surmise a situation in the carly Cape settlements in which there was room for both language change with normal transmission (language evolution), and for a process identified as abrupt language change (creolization), (cf. § 2.2). Not surprisingly the linguistic variation encountered in the archival documents is profuse. This ranges from near perfect metropolitan Dutch as penned down by scribes and government officials, quite similar to that of their colleagues in Cape Town, Batavia or Amsterdam, with at the other end of the scale hardly legible documents, often composed by barely literate people (in conditions which were unlikely to be very favorable to calligraphic fineness). Their language was something between Dutch and Afrikaans, sometimes with other native tongues coming through; the style, often innocent of punctuation or orthographical standards.

The way Afrikaans historical linguists have analyzed and evaluated these texts has been the major factor that has caused the divergence that exists in the theories concerning the formation of Afrikaans. Before explicating a number of the most relevant theories that have been proposed, a short discussion of the various types of data is in order.

In an assessment of the written diachronic record, as far as novel forms of language are concerned, a first division must be made between internal and external informants (Baker \& Winer 1998:104). The first question is whether the authors were visitors who reported back to their European readership, or whether texts or quotations in the vernacular were written by people who lived in the colony with as their target readership their fellow compatriots (internal informants).

In the earliest accounts on southern Africa we mainly have documents of the first type: European visitors reporting back about their travels to their European audience. The description of linguistic facts is chiefly anecdotal such as O.F. Mentzel's remark, anno 1730, about the Dutch accusative form
ons for the first person plural nominative Case in use at the Cape (see $\$ 3.2$, footnote 41, p. 80 ). This is not to underestimate the value of such 'exaggeration' in these reports. They have, for example, reported utterances of illiterate speakers like the Khoekhoe and slaves which form an important part of the evidence for the existence of a pidgin or pidgins at the Cape (see Den Besten 1987a, 1989a, 2000b).

Toward the end of the seventeenth century the first documents written by internal informants arise: texts from those people who lived at the Cape, knew the vernacular that was spoken at the Cape, and who did not have anyone else outside their local audience as addressee. ${ }^{42}$ Among such are personal diaries and notably a corpus of texts from the Cape Town archives, which were culled by Mr. L.C. van Oordt for Prof. J. du P. Scholtz on aberrations from Dutch, known as die Kaapse Taalargief ${ }^{3}$ (henceforth: KT). Although the actual textual material as, for example, the reports from field cornets to their superiors is often fragmentary, the documents mostly originate from people who had Cape Dutch as their mother tongue (cf. Raidt 1983:35). This corpus of data from the KT became the cornerstone of the theory on the genesis of Afrikaans developed by Scholtz and his student E.H. Raidt; since Den Besten 1987a they are often referred to as the South African philological school.

Even before ca. 1960-1975 when the influence of the philological school became paramount in Afrikaans historical linguistics, there was a large degree of consensus that the reliance on written Dutch norms greatly obscured the actual linguistic situation. This is not to insinuate that the people would have spoken in the vernacular but purposely have written in 'Hollands', but there was no

[^31]dispute that the predominance of the Dutch grammatical norms and the Dutch orthography ${ }^{44}$ obfuscate our impressions of those particular features Afrikaans gradually acquired. Nienaber (1950:14) quotes the interpreter and translator of the High Court, J.G. Swaving, around 1827 commenting: "En de Europeanen zijn niet lang hier of zij neemen de spreekwijzen /Cape Dutch] aan om dat men spreekt om verstaan te worden." ('And the Europeans are not long here or they take on the manner of speech [Cape Dutch] because one speaks to be understood'.) Yet our written record, as witnessed in this quotation from Swaving, remains largely Netherlandic. The philological school has given the linguistic variation in the record ambiguous attention. The general belief would be that authors deliberately tried to avoid the features of the spoken language in the (more formal) written repertoire. Raidt (1982:202) and Scholtz (1963:225) advocate the idea that deviations from the metropolitan norm in the documents represent some kind of permeation of the vernacular norms into their grammar. In their analyses the tendency prevails to attribute the non-standard features in the texts to the influence of the vernacular; circumlocutory, metropolitan features are ascribed to the influence of the Dutch orthographical norms seeping through (cf. Roberge 1999b:98). Analyzing the salient grammatical features of the KT texts in this way, they concluded that a separate but cognate language, comparable to Afrikaans existed by ca. 1775.

Although both Scholtz (1963, 1980) and Raidt (1983) acknowledge that there must have been variation, the reconstruction of non-European varieties of Dutch has not been their main interest on grounds which state that such theories are only based on nonlinguistic evidence. According to them rapid development of an auxiliary contact variety cannot be proved as there are "no pidgin characteristics to be found" ([es] fehlen nähmlich die charakteristischen Pidginmerkmalen, Raidt op.cit.). Both Scholtz and Raidt have put great emphasis on (dialectal) continuity of (spoken) Dutch in the South African situation. They characterize the evolutive process by large numbers of L2 speakers in contact, which led to an acceleration of (Germanic) language-internal tendencies towards deflection and regularization, but without interrupting the process of 'normal linguistic change'. The possibility that Afrikaans eers in die mond van Hottentotte en slawe ontstaan het en later deur die koloniste oorgeneem is ('first developed in the mouths of the Hottentots and slaves and later adopted by the colonists') is emphatically refuted (cf. Raidt, 1982:203 and the references cited there). Almost

[^32]needless to say Raidt (1983:32) questions the reliability of the sources that relate the pidgin data as, for example, Kolbe (1727) and Ten Rhyne (1686). As antithesis Raidt (1983) adds that from the data in her research (in the KT) again and again it becomes apparent that many Khoekhoe could speak ein beihnahe korrektes Niederländisch ('a near perfect Dutch'), (op.cit.:33, in.22). This preoccupation has clearly led to inaccuracies as, for example, the dating of deflective forms such as gee (Dutch: geven, 3S: geeft, 'to give') to 1812, whereas it already appears in 1655 in a pidgin sentence (Raidt op.cit. 85 ; see Chapter Six, §6.4.1, example (79), and Den Besten 1987b:89). Witnessed by Raidt's assessment of, for example, Valkhoff's work as vonwissenschaflliche Spekulation (pre-scientific speculation; Raidt 1983:45), it must not be overlooked that imputing possible creole ancestry to Afrikaans has had far-reaching political and identity-ideological implications as reviewed in detail by Roberge (1992a, 1992b).

It may be clear that actual research in the substrate languages has not been a South African tradition. Although Raidt has paid considerable attention to the influence of Malay in for example the Afrikaans objective vir (see $\S 2.5 .1 .3$ ) and reduplication, her conclusions have been a qualified 'yes'. Thus, for example, Raidt (1981:187) concludes a lengthy discussion on the latter with the statement that
> die Afrikaanse reduplikasic is gebaseer op albei die Nederlandse én die Maleise patroon. Aan die een kant het die Maleise vorme die bestaande Nederlandse tendens tot verdubbeling versterk, aan die ander kant is nuwe on-Nederlandse reduplikasievorme uit Malcis in die wordende Afrikaans oorgeneem. ${ }^{45}$

Since Le Roux (1923) only G.S. Nienaber studied the influence of the Khoekhoe languages, ${ }^{46}$ followed, since 1978, by the Dutch scholar Hans den Besten and in the last two decades by South African linguists (a.o. Victor Webb, Hans du Plessis and Christo van Rensburg). Research into the influence of Asian Creole Portuguese has been done by Schuchardt (1885) and Le Roux (op.cit.); the

[^33]latter also advanced the study of (Pasar) Malay in this context. ${ }^{47}$

Taking substrate influences and the possibility of processes of creolization seriously into the account, Den Besten (1987a, 2000b:1) distinguishes a Hottentots-Hollands pidgin, as attested in the reported speech by the indigenous population, from a pidgin (or pidgins) in use among the slaves in the seventeenth century. From the available archival material, thereafter, he discriminates Proto-Afrikaans from the pidgin(s) by the feature of verb-second in the grammar (infra), while maintaining a linear development from pidgin into creole through time (cf. $\S 2.2$ on this premise within creole studies). The research within the Afrikaans philological paradigm rejects any form of pidginization or creolization involved in these developments (cf. Den Besten 1987b:77). Raidt (1983:191) speaks of the misconception (derartige Mißverständnisse) amongst linguists that Afrikaans can even be discussed in the context of creole studies. Unable to disregard that the influence of Khoesan languages, especially on the lexicon in terms of geographical names and South African flora and fauna persists in present-day Standard Afrikaans (Raidt 1982:167, Van Rensburg et al, 1989:37), their influence in all other areas of the grammar is only marginally accepted (Raidt 1982:167, 1983:19, Scholtz 1980:37,100). Subsequent work by Den Besten has been directed to correcting this illusive premise that Afrikaans was the sole property of white settlers. Elaborating on earlier work by Franken (1953), Nienaber (1953) and Valkhoff (1966, 1972) Den Besten argues that within the Afro-Asian substrate the pidgin(s) stabilized. From ca. 1680 onward the pidgin(s) nativised into a creole to which he refers as Proto-Afrikaans I with its endpoint set around 1740. At the same time he postulates an essentially independent variant developed by the white settlers under the influence of the aforementioned creole Dutch as spoken by the workforce. In his scenario these two strands later converged, resulting in the variation that is found until the late nineteenth century, to which he refers as Proto-Afrikaans II. Although qualitatively of an entirely different composition, the placement in time of these varieties retains the linear order of developments as proposed by the philological school. Proto-Afrikaans I coincides with what Raidt refers to as "Cape Dutch" (which is given its endpoint around 1740); Proto-Afrikaans II would be Raidt's "Afrikaans" (dated at 1775, supra). However, Den Besten's evaluation of the contributing factors to reach this stage in the developments differs crucially from the appraisal made by the philological school. In his analysis great emphasis is laid on areal idiosyncrasies of the substrate languages under consideration. Because of certain language

[^34]typological similarities between the substrates and Dutch, in his view, the structural continuity between Dutch and Afrikaans, (as for example, the rule of verb-second in the main clause in Afrikaans), is more or less accidental (Den Besten 19876:88).

Based on this impetus, reconstructing the linguistic evidence whilst incorporating further socioeconomic factors that lay at the basis of the developments, in a new bid to unravel the meaning of the variation that is found, Roberge (since 1993) has dismissed the reality of a linear development in successive stages between seventeenth-century Dutch and the end-nineteenth-century outcome. Instead, he introduces the concepts that identify the creole-continuum in many of the world's languages as part and parcel of the southern African linguistic history (Roberge, 1993:2, 1995, 1999b:86). He argues for a continuum of lects in existence at the Cape, which is referred to as the Cape Dutch Vernacular (henceforth: CDV). In this situation individual speakers would not be uniform in their experience of the CDV, but this would vary according to their socioeconomic position in society (Roberge 1993:56). In this alternative Roberge identifies the CDV to consist of a basilectal stratum, a mesolect and an acrolectal form. Besides documents from the Dutch officials, ex-patriate clerks and merchants in which the metropolitan standard is maintained, most of the data in the Cape archival material as collected by Van Oordt, which have formed the major source material for linguistic study, can be interpreted as examples of largely acrolectal and to a lesser extent mesolectal usage (cf. Deumert 1999:60 and the references cited there). Although in Roberge's (1999:95) assessment the corpus is typified as predominantly representative for the mesolectal stratum, some of the texts could arguably be classified as acrolectal. It is also true that there is no direct evidence from these corpora to substantiate the view that decreolisation (loss of the basilect) represents a developmental stage in the history of Afrikaans (Roberge 1998:21, as quoted in Deumert 1999:52). As such, most theorization on the origins of Afrikaans is based on the absence of data as, for example, from the basilectal stratum (cf. footnote 49, below). As a concept, to overcome this inherent deficit in our records, the term CDV covers roughly two centuries of language variation (late seventeenth century till ca. $1870^{48}$ ) over a vast geographical area. The proposed scenario implies that a basilect, as well as pidgin forms of the language persisted throughout the lifetime of arriving captives (arbitrarily, but wittingly set around 1840 in Roberge 1999:90). To this we can add the language

[^35]contact situations which existed in the incessantly newly acquired territories that resulted from colonial expansion.

Typical characteristics of the three strata (the basilect, mesolect and acrolect) are the presence or absence of the gender distinction of nouns, agreement in verbal inflections, the opposition between finite and nonfinite forms of the verb, and the use of the temporal auxiliary (hebben, zijn or a zeroform, see Chapter Six, § 6.3.4.2.1; cf. Roberge 1999b:100-106). As example of the acrolect, the diary written by Johanna Duminy from 1797 (Franken, ed., 1938) evidences some morphological aberrations from the metropolitan standard (the levelling of gender in nouns and verbal agreement features). In most other areas of the grammar, however, the Dutch standards are maintained (cf. Roberge 1993:18-62, 1995:78-79, 1999b:94-96). The mesolectal stratum is illustrated by, for example, Trichardt's diary text, and, the notes and reports from field cornets as attested in the Kaapse Taalgargief (KT; see footnote 43, p.34). Linguistic characteristics, beside the loss of gender and verbal agreement, are the variable leveling of the distinction between finite and infinitival forms of the verb, and a largely intact Netherlandic perfect auxiliary system; the (Dutch) auxiliary zijn 'to be' with mutative intransitive verbs is only rarely replaced by a form of the paradigm of hebben 'to have' in the perfect tense (Roberge 1999b: 95,97 and Chapter Six, § 6.3.4.2 for a discussion of this development in Afrikaans). As such, the variability of the forms that are encountered in the mesolectal sources is seen as stable, patterned variation which manifests the spoken CDV. Basilectal Cape Dutch is illustrated by Roberge (1999b:100-103) in e.g., the speech of the bywoner Albach in the diary of Louis Trichardt. Amongst the deflection mentioned for the acrolect and the mesolect, the basilectal stratum features the complete loss of distinction between the auxiliaries zijn and hebben, as well as the omission of the (finite) auxiliary, resulting in the use of the past participle form of the verb as the finite verb, c.q. in the prefix ge-/ ga-functioning as a preterite tense marker. Because these particular features are an integral part of the corpus in this study, illustration and discussion in comparison to the KT data is deferred to Chapter Six.

Applying this interpretation of the linguistic stratification in southern Africa to the texts in the present corpus in correlation to the social variables that are identified, the written record of the Oorlam-Nama as documented in this thesis must be classified towards the upper-basilectal (or perhaps the lowermesolectal) end of the continuum as will be discussed in the remaining chapters of this thesis, in particular in Chapter Six.

As Scholtz and Raidt before criticized the earliest speculations on the origin of Afrikaans (Kruisinga 1906, Bosman 1923, Boshoff 1921, Hesseling 1899, Du Toit 1905, Van Ginneken 1913 and Franken 1953) as lacking factual linguistic evidence, they set themselves to the task to uncover 'real' proof in the Cape archival legacy (cf. Raidt 1983, §2.3 Theorien und Fehlschlusse, 'theories and fallacies'). In turn, as Roberge has questioned, their focus on the diffusion and relative chronology of individual features as attested in the Cape archival corpora versandet ('is silted up') in Raidt's words, in a description of Afrikaans as a composite of defining features which was probably spoken by few (if any) South Africans during the periods in question (cf. Roberge 1986:197, 1993:57, Den Besten 1987b:68-69). Roberge (1994a:156, 1993:58) interprets the textual record as 'real', representing at least "in some sense a written reflex of intermediate forms of spoken language" (emphasis in the original).

Methodologically it has become the practice to seek out the 'mistakes' in the texts and relate these to the form in which the language might have been spoken. The classification from basilect to acrolect made by Roberge does not divert from the established method of counting the (relative) distance of the lect from the superstrate. The more the discrepancies with the metropolitan variant the less Dutch, c.q. the more basilectal, the particular variant is classified. Importantly, for the material from the Cape archives the subdivision made by Roberge correlates with a difference in origin of the sources. The basilect is documented in reported speech, the mesolect is identified to originate from areas outside the Cape peninsula (the field cornets, Trichardt on his journey to the north-eastern area), and, the acrolect which is at the same time the variety that is the most easily retrieved and makes up the majority of the documents from the Cape archives, consists chiefly of documents written by the Cape Town bourgeoisie. ${ }^{49}$ This may not be a coincidence. Because Cape Town was the chief port of

[^36]entrance for the Europeans, as well as the center of administration of the colony, it is reasonable to assume that the influence of the metropolitan standard was at its optimum in this area. Similar access to the target language cannot be claimed for the other parts of the territory.

Notwithstanding the interpretative problems with the written record, the diversification of the CDV is occasionally depicted. At times striking differences occur between the acro- or mesolectal CDV text as a whole and the directly reported speech of persons who may be assumed to belong to the same social class as the author. In such cases it can be argued that the deviant passages represent the person's spoken language. A well-known instance is illustrated in (1), anno 1772, in which a widow, Mrs. Wagenaar is quoted in reply to her interlocutors in defense of the identity of her lover.

${ }^{10}(\ldots$ continued)
Caabo Den 19 feweray 1773 Jan Smook [eie skrif,'own handwriting' - Van Oordt]
Cape de 19 februari 1773
'I the undersigned acknowledge to have received a letter from Teun Muller, instead of [sic] saying thanks for the 18 to 20 men. But this letter has been lost in my house. The Cape, February 19, 1773. Jan Smook'.

| toen ging | wij | naa | de | tuijn ...${ }^{50}$ |
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| then |  |  |  |  |
| went |  |  |  |  |
| we | to | the <br> garden | CJ 1103, no 202 |  |

The text as a whole can be characterized as acrolectal CDV: ${ }^{51}$ the simple past is still in use (seijde, $\ln .1, \ln .3, \ln .7 ;$ sprak, $\ln .3 ;$ vroeg, sweeg, $\ln .7$ ), whereas the morphological marking on verbs in the plural is not always in place: ubeijde swaagers heeft In. 1 (Dutch: hebben); wij ging $\ln .7$ (Dutch: gingen). The pronominal paradigm resembles the Dutch usage (gij-2S, hij, sy-3S, wij-1PL, $u-2 \mathrm{PL}$ ). The sentences uttered by Mrs. Wagenaar (ln.4-6), however, differ in respect to all these constructions. There, in contrast, present-day Afrikaans pronominal forms appear: ons in the first person plural (Dutch: wij) and hulle in the third person plural (Dutch: zij). Likewise, the temporal auxiliary (het), is realized in its Afrikaans invariant form (ln.4, in. 6 ) whereas from the form heeft (ln.1) it is clear that the author was aware the metropolitan Dutch form which was also current in the acrolectal CDV.

It must be concluded that the weight of the influence of the Dutch orthography on our Cape archival material remains unclear and to which extent we can take the written record at face value. Although the sociohistorical information about the situation at the Cape would indicate that access to the norms of early standard Dutch cannot be taken as given, the question in which way the variation in the sources is 'real' (in some sense) receives contradictory answers. In respect of Negerhollands, a Dutch derived creole language which emerged on the Virgin Islands, Stein (1989:155) explains that the slaves only commenced writing in their own vernacular, rather than in Dutch, after such an example had been set by the founder and first leader of the Moravian Brethren from Herrnhut, Count Zinzendorf (cf. Van Rossum \& Van der Voort 1996:25, 49-64).


#### Abstract

When the missionaries began to use written materials to teach the slaves to read and write, they found they could only do this in Dutch, because there were no creole texts. Nobody had ever thought of writing creole, nor had anyone any idea whatsoever how to do so. [... The only advantage of Dutch over creole was its prestige as a written language and as the language of the whites. Thus when the slaves began to write, they did so in Dutch, a language which, with a few exceptions, they could neither speak nor write correctly. [...] Because of this prestige the slave


[^37]writers did not begin to use creole until Zinzendorf did so himself in a long speech and farewell letter ("Abschieds-Schreiben") addressed to the slaves..."

Thereafter, the creole only gradually replaced the Dutch. From an analysis of the variation in written Negerhollands in the eighteenth century Stein (1989) concludes that the
ability [of the slaves] to distinguish [grammatical features] between the two languages [the target, Dutch and the spoken Negerhollands creole] varies from the next. These features can be placed along a continuum, starting with the creole-dominated area of the subject pronoun and the copula verb.

Changes in the area of verbal inflection and word order are classified on the opposite end of the scale. ${ }^{52}$

Similar systematic changes towards a new variant have not been uniformly demarcated in the development of Afrikaans. Although the influence of varieties of Afrikaans amongst the nonEuropean sociolinguistic groups is not explicitly denied by the philological school, it has not been given the thorough investigation and reconstruction it would deserve. As noted above, Scholtz and Raidt's primary concern has been to substantiate the emergence of Afrikaans as the result of an essentially gradual and linear development from seventeenth-century dialectal Dutch. Other varieties are believed to have been relatively marginal to the development of Standard Afrikaans (also witnessed by the fact that, for example, the texts presented in this thesis have not been linguistically examined to date, despite the work done by dr. Vedder almost a century ago (see § 1.1)). As discussed in this chapter the ability to read and write introduced one unwittingly to the Dutch standard only. To illustrate the point that exposure to spelling conventions did play a role, the 'Hollands' written by authors who were not familiar with the Dutch orthography is revealing. E.g., dr. Hans Schinz, a German botanist who reports on Namaland in the 1880 s quotes from the spoken vernacular Dutch nieuws, 'news', (Afr.: nuus) as Nüves (Schinz 1891:72), and he writes furijes, (a

[^38]diminutive form) for Dutch voort[-zeg-ik] (>Afr.: voetsak, imperative), 'go away!' (usually to annoying domestic animals), (op.cit:91). On the consensus that the reliance on written Dutch norms has obscured our data from the actual situation, lemphasize that reading and writing in the eighteenth and nineteenth century was an activity which can be demarcated for a specific group of the population. Pen and paper were European commodities, for one, they cost money and the skill associated with the use of these items was decisively limited to the upper part of society. Biewenga (1999:165-166) shows that anno 1704, from the documents that could be traced from the area of Stellenbosch (representing $67 \%$ of the total population of Stellenbosch), only $28 \%$ of the vryburgers could sign with their signature, $39 \%$ of these people could not. It is furthermore noted by Biewenga (op.cit.) that being able to sign (c.q. 'copy down') one's name does not include the ability to read and write. As such, this data points in the direction of a particular sociolinguistic group as the source of the Cape archival material.

As mentioned above and further discussed in the Chapters Four and Six, the syntactic measurement of Jan Jonker's grammar in terms of the distance from Dutch would, pace the periodical division that can be made throughout the corpus, be classified nearer to the basilectal end of the cline of variation that has been documented for the CDV. The letters were written outside the sphere of the Cape peninsular society and access to the target cannot be ascertained except for the attempt to near the Dutch orthographical norms (cf. $\S 6.3$, p.201). Yet it is a genuine form of writing and no other motive than to get the message across "as best as he could" - quite similar to the written work that has survived from the field cornets (see Chapter Three, §3.2).

In the nineteenth century we find reference to the language that was spoken in southern Africa as either Hollonds, Holländisch, Niederdeutsch as well as Dutch. Yet, it remains the very issue how Nederlands-achtig (Dutch-like) this language really was. While leaving the question at which date we could possibly speak of 'Afrikaans' as an identifiable construct entirely open, Oom Gys' statement (Chapter One, p.1) that his parents spoke 'Hollands', but that he (now) speaks 'Afrikaans' is illustrative. As a pre-theoretical notion the term Hollands, as employed by the people themselves, should be seen as an umbrella term for all the variation that existed. Given the flexibility in reference of the term Cape Dutch, by some scholars limited to one of the early stages in the development (Raidt, supra), by others to the geographical area referred to as the 'old Cape' (Roberge 1999b:86), I will follow Jan Jonker Afrikaner, the author of the data in this study who refers to his language as
hoolans (see Vol. II, Period I, Section A, ln.577). Without committing myself to theoretical controversies I will also refer to his vernacular as Hollands.

Before discussing this nineteenth-century Oorlam-Hollands in detail, the contemporary varieties of Afrikaans which are distinguished in the literature are reviewed in the next section.

### 2.4 Varieties of Afrikaans

It has become generally accepted to divide contemporary non-standard Afrikaans into three varieties along regional lines (cf. Van Rensburg 1989b).

- Oosgrens Afrikaans, largely the vernacular of the white trekboere into the eastern and northeastern parts. It is claimed that this variety forms the basis on which the standardization movement (from 1870 onwards; see Van Rensburg et al, 1989:92ff.) founded its judgements to arrive at present-day Standard Afrikaans.
- Orange River Arrikaans, a variety which developed along the northern frontier zone: "[i]ts synchronic reflex, [..] [is] widely thought to have descended from a creole ancestor, though its prehistory remains poorly understood" (Roberge 1993:45).
- Cape Afrikaans, as spoken in and around the Western Cape, "traceable to the pidgin and creole Dutch formerly spoken widely in the Western Cape and now almost decreolized" (Roberge 1993:44).

Oosgrens Afrikaans is deemed to be an independent development under the trekboere, largely free of any substrate influence. It is claimed to be the exclusive forerunner of present-day Standard Afrikaans (cf. Van Rensburg 1993:146). Orange River Afrikaans is characterized in Van Rensburg et al, 1989:37, as the nineteenth-century lingua franca of the Cape's northwestern frontier along the Orange River "en die uitgestrekte aangrensende gebiede: 'n baie groter gebied as waar Afrikaans vandag gepraat word. Dié soort Afrikaans het waarshynilk die grootsie geografiese besetting in die
geskiedenis van Afrikaans gehad." ${ }^{53}$ They further stress the influence of the Khoekhoe languages on ORA, whilst at the same time explicitly denying that Khoekhoe had any influence on Standard Afrikaans:
"[...] Standaard Afrikaans wat nie uit Khoi-khoi-Arrikaans ontwikkel het nic. [..] Dié Afrikaans het toevallig nie 'n rol gespeel in die standaardisering van Afrikaans nie. Dié rol is deur OosgrensAfrikaans vervul." ${ }^{54}$

Although it cannot be refuted that Oosgrens Afrikaans, as much as the Dutch as written in the Netheriands, has put its stamp on the present-day standard language, it is difficult to imagine how Khoekhoe could not have had any influence on the formation of Afrikaans (cf. the historical evidence of contact between the two parties referred to in the previous section). The question is rather which form(s) of Dutch/Afrikaans the standardization process applied to, rather than (the entirely separate question) of how the standardization process was applied. ${ }^{55}$ It is also clear that the people who brought the 'Dutch' language to the Orange River area and beyond originated from the south-western Cape (cf. Chapter Three ${ }_{3} \$ 3.1$ ). Therefore, it is not unreasonable to assume that the contemporary nineteenth-century varieties, such as diachronic ORA vernaculars, all showed features, to varying degrees, of the nineteenth-century Arrikaans which subsequently became standardized. ${ }^{56}$ After all, the

[^39]${ }^{54}$ [... ]Standard Afrikaans, which did not develop from Khoekhoe Afrikaans. That Afrikaans did not happen to play a role in the standardization process of Afrikaans. That role was played by Oosgrens Afrikaans.
${ }^{5 s}$ In the literature, contemporary Afrikaans is classified as a semi-creole or creoloid (Hancock 1971, Holm 1988). (Cf. Makhudu (1985) for an evaluation of this label, considering the non-standard varieties of Afrikaans.) Yet, the standardization of Afrikaans at the turn of this century remains a weighted factor in these assessments. The development which is in general referred to as vernederlandsing (Dutchification) has only been sparsely surveyed (Uys 1983, Waher 1994a).
${ }^{56}$ Roberge (1994, 1995 (see also Van Rensburg 1989a:136, Du Plessis 1988)) has argued that rural nonstandard varicties, such as Griqua Afrikaans, possibly retained older forms of non-European varieties. Smith (1995:355) includes an "as yet undocumented creole language, as the forerumer of present-day Orange River Afrikaans" in his listing of the world's pidgin and creole languages. For the moment, ignoring the directions the possible developments of pidginization, creole formation, and perhaps subsequent decreolization took, as a working hypothesis the nineteenth-century Oorlam-Nama vernacular under study in this thesis will be evaluated in this light. bearing in mind that it cannot be determined which other languages these people had the command of, whether they were bilingual, nor which language or particular dialect they had as their mother tongue (cf. Chapter Three, §3.2).

Patriot movement (cf. Spruyt 1896, Nienaber 1950) started in the north-western Cape peninsular area, around Paarl in the 1870 s and not in the geographical area where Oosgrens Afrikaans is located. ${ }^{57}$ Den Besten 1978, 1988, 1989a, 1994a, 2000b (also Nienaber 1963, 1994b), have attentively apportioned the contribution of Khoekhoe to Afrikaans in its formative years. Nienaber (1994b:150) identifies the importance as:

Die indringende beskrywing van Khoekhoe-Afrikaans as verskynsel enersyds en andersyds die opsporing van onder andere versteurings wat daardeur in die Afrikaans van die blanke sprekers veroorsaak is, is take wat onderneem behoort te word. ${ }^{58}$

Although many of the features of Afrikaans are not, or only sparsely attested in the late nineteenthcentury written documentation, this does not mean that they did not form an integral part of the Afrikaans vernacular. One such example is the non-occurrence of the synchronic characteristic double negation (see $\S 2.5 .1 .2, \S 2.5 .2 .1$ ). Similarly irregular is the frequency of the allomorphs dat-lat ${ }^{59}$ as a complementiser, of which, in a corpus Cape archival private correspondence (1880-1922) ${ }^{60}$ only five attestations were found (Deumert 1999:215). Another example is the Afrikaans reduplication which is neither attested in this corpus of Cape archival private correspondence (1880-1922), (Ana Deumert p.c.), nor in the corpora Oorlam-Nama letters I have had access to (see § 1.1, p.6). Yet, the descriptions of the Afrikaans syntax from around the turn of the century, e.g., Hoogenhout (1904), do not fail to treat the phenomenon as a core part of its grammar. ${ }^{61}$

[^40]Furthermore, Van Rensburg (1984:47) asserts that none of the syntactic constructions in ORA are entirely unacceptable in SA (see Chapter Three, § 3.2, p.79). In the light of the variation in contemporaneous grammaticality judgements of the Afrikaans syntax (cf. § 1.1.1), it would rather seem that the advocated standard does not represent the actual language. In other words, that Standard Afrikaans has not yet stabilized out, perhaps along regional lines, in a number of respects in various areas of its grammar. ${ }^{62}$ Before addressing the implications of this data, I shall review those aspects of Afrikaans, which have traditionally been viewed as un-Germanic, as well as a number of deviations from the standard in the diachronic and non-standard Afrikaans data.

### 2.5 Creolization and the differentiations of Afrikaans

### 2.5.1 Standard Afrikaans and Dutch: linguistic characterization ${ }^{63}$

Within the Afrikaans philological school, Afrikaans changes away from its Dutch superstrate, have mostly been perceived and described from a Germanic syntactical point of view. This necessarily would have colored, if not tainted the observations. ${ }^{64}$ Mühlhäusler (1986) discusses this type of shortcoming with an illustration of the descriptive discrepancies in the grammar of Tok Pisin. In (2), the sequence haisim ap (hoist up) can in principle be analyzed as either a verb-particle or a verb-verb combination.

[^41]| (2) man | ya | i | haisim ap plak |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| man | DET | PM | hoist | PRT/V flag |

This man hoists up the flag.
"The verb-particle analysis is preferred by European speakers [..], whereas the verb-chain interpretation is common among the Papua New Guineans" (Mühlhäusler 1986:42). Thus, the answer to the question whether Tok Pisin has serial verb constructions becomes qualified by more than the language itself. The justification for Eurocentric practices as far as Afrikaans is concerned, is rather obvious as the European languages have been studied and described in far more detail. ${ }^{65}$ Research logically tends to start with what is known, and as such this is a predominantly historical artefact. In terms of creolization concepts (see § 2.2) the Afrikaans philological school represents the superstratist hypothesis: developments in Afrikaans are a continuation of Dutch (dialectal) tendencies. Their share in the literature on Afrikaans has long outweighed alternative analyses, although in certain areas e.g., the double negation (Den Besten 1985, 1986, and §2.5.1.2) and the comitative plural ( $p a-$ hulle, pa-goed 'father-them', see Nienaber 1994a), substrate influence has been proposed. Adstrate influences have been put forward in, for example, the case of objective vir (Raidt 1969, 1976, Ponelis 1993:272ff., Den Besten 1997:340, see § 2.5.1.3 and § 5.2.1.1) and reduplications (Den Besten et al, [to appear]). In the following paragraphs I will make a brief overview of general aspects of the Afrikaans grammar that have been discussed in the literature, except for the features of the verb phrase (VP), which will be treated in detail in Chapter Five ( $\$ 5.2$ ). The variation in the pronominal paradigm will be examined in Chapter Four.

### 2.5.1.1 Tense and morphological inflection

The most striking characteristic of Afrikaans is its loss of verbal inflection. Whereas the Dutch paradigm marks both person and number on finite verb forms, Afrikaans has one invariant form, both in finite clauses as well as in infinitival environments (3).

[^42]Chapter Twe

| (3) (owork' | DUTCH | AFRIKAANS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| infinitive | werken | werk |
| 1S | werk | werk |
| $2 S$ | werki | werk |
| 3 S | werkt | werk |
| 1PL | werken | werk |
| 2PL | werken | werk |
| 3PL | werken | werk |

Secondly, Afrikaans has not retained the equivalent of the Dutch simple past forms (imperfectum), nor a separate paradigm to express a plusquamperfectum (past-before-past). In the grammatical expression of temporal relations there are fundamental discrepancies with Dutch. The opposition past versus non-past is rather characterized as present versus anterior. In this respect, the temporal system of Afrikaans is not, like its Dutch ancestor an absolute tense system, but has developed a so-called relative tense system. Formally [+past] can be marked by the 'auxiliary' het plus prefixation of the verb with the particle ge-. ${ }^{66}$ This form contrasts with a [-past] form, which is not marked, as in (3). In a relative tense system the overt marking of $[+$ past $]$ is discourse dependent. The reference point for tense is not "the point present" or "the moment of speech" (as in the absolute tense system), but rather the time of the topic under discussion which may or may not have present reference (Brinkman 1969, De Villiers 1971). Thus, verbs relating to the topic-time are unmarked; a narrative relating a series of past events in the order in which they occurred will contain a string of unmarked verbs. However, if the narrator refers back to an earlier event the verb or verbs concerned must be marked for [ + past ]. Hence, in a context in the past tense, the amalgam [het $\ldots$ ge- $V$ ] signals the past-beforepast (pluperfect). The temporal relations are not exclusively marked by the verb system, but may also

[^43]| ia. to knowhet geweet  <br>  $1920-1960 \mathrm{AVG}=85.3 \%$ | wis |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $1920=63.3 \%$ | AVG $=14.5 \%$ |
|  | $1960=100 \%$ | $1920=36.6 \%$ |
| b. $\quad$ to think | het gedink | $1960=0 \%$ |
|  | $1920-1960: \mathrm{AVG}=89.2 \%$ | dog/dag |
|  | $1920=78.2 \%$ | AVG $=9.8 \%$ |
|  | $1960=95.7 \%$ | $1920=21.7 \%$ |
|  |  | $1960=4.2 \%$ |

be signaled by temporal adverbs. This resembles more the creole language systems which are almost invariably relative temporal systems (cf. Kouwenberg 1991, Bruyn \& Veenstra 1993). One exception to the total loss of imperfectum forms is made by the modal verbs, as will be discussed in $\S$ 5.2.2.2. These further exhibit the un-Germanic characteristic of surfacing in their [ + past] form in infinitival environments. Besides the separate forms for the modal verbs, het (to have), and is (to be) in the function of a main verb, have preserved a separate form for the infinitive with the forms he and wees, respectively. I will return to the intricacies of the verbal paradigm in Chapter Five in detail.

### 2.5.1.2 Double negation

A second striking dissimilarity with the Germanic languages is the development of the double negation (4).
(4) Hulle sal nie kom *(nie).

They will not come not

This phenomenon has been described extensively in the literature. It has been attributed to Dutch dialectal influences (Pauwels 1958) and to Khoesan influence (Den Besten 1978, 1985, 1986; see Nienaber 1994a for an overview), as well as ascribed to the influence of (Low) Portuguese (Ponelis 1993:465-478). Ponelis (1993:478) dates the emergence of the construction back to the early nineteenth century as a result of a process of grammaticalization, seen as a language-inherent tendency to disambiguate sentences.

Owing to their variable position, nie-1 and the other negators did not transparently mark the scope of sentential negation, and nie-2 was grammaticized as a scope marker: it became obligatory in clause-final position.

Anticipating the discussion in the next section where SA is compared with its non-standard varieties, the obligatory presence of nie-2 seems much relaxed, also in ORA (§ 2.5.2.1).

### 2.5.1.3 Objective vir

A third innovation cited in the literature is the emergence of objective vir, most often associated with a notion of animacy and/or emotivity (Raidt 1969, 1976, Ponelis 1993:266). Its appearance is mostly facultative, sometimes with a disambiguating function (5).
(5a) Wie nooi julle?
Who has invited you?
Who have you invited?
(b) Vir wie nooi julle?

Who have you invited?
(c) Wie nooi vir julle?

Who has invited you?

However, the obligatory presence of vir as in ( $6 \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{c}$ ) has not been explained. This grammatical idiosyncracy will be addressed further in Chapter Five (§ 5.2.1.1).
(6a) Ek het (vir) Jan gister gesien
(b) Ek het gister vir Jan gesien
(c) *Ek het gister Jan gesien

I saw Jan yesterday.

In the literature the emergence of objective $v i r$ has been attributed to the influence of the Portuguese (varieties) brought in by the slaves (Raidt op.cit., 1982:196, Ponelis 1993:274, Den Besten 1997:340). Anticipating the discussion in subsequent chapters on the usage of $v i r$, in contemporary ORA the usage of optional vir has spread. In the Oorlam-Nama data objective vir occasionally appears, ${ }^{67}$ although, in general it must be said that the use of prepositions in the corpus of this study is (highly) inconsistent (cf. §3.2.1.1, example (1)).

[^44]2.5.1.4 The periphrastic possessive construction with se

A fourth imnovation concerns the pronominal paradigm, in which there emerged the so-called periphrastic possessive construction with se (< Dutch zijr) as in (7).
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { (7) Die huise se vensters } & \text { Afrikaans } \\ \text { *De huizen zijn vensters } & \text { Dutch } \\ \text { The windows of the houses. } & \end{array}$

Roberge (1993:66) writes that "the use of se is demonstrably old, and we may impute it to an older Dutch creole." Ponelis (1993:244) typifies this construction as fully in place since around 1861. Scholtz (1963:108-109) features a few examples from 1802 and dates its emergence back to around 1775. The expansion of the construction has been attributed to the spread of the Dutch third person singular possessive pronoun zijn into other segments of the paradigm (the superstrate hypothesis). In the light of the Oorlam-Hollands data, presented in this study these points will be evaluated in detail in Chapter Four (§ 4.2.3ff.).

Other areas of change include relative clause formation (see Den Besten 1989b, 1996), reduplicated forms of word formation (Botha 1984, Den Besten et al, [to appear]), circumpositioning of prepositions (i.e. repetition as in: hy loop in die huis in, 'he walks into the house into'); the comitative plural construction as pa-goed, pa-hulle 'father-them', 'father and the family, father and those who relate to him', (cf. the quotation from Oom Gys, Chapter One, p.1, Kempen 1982:291ff., Nienaber 1994a:14f.). Other innovations are nouns replacing pronominal forms in vocatives (kan pa my die kar leen, 'could father (lyou) lend me the (/your) car') and appositive structures (Piet, hy kom nie, 'Piet, he isn't coming'; cf. Hoogenhout 1904:25). For further details see for example Ponelis (1993), or Donaldson (1993) and the references cited there.

### 2.5.2 Orange River Afrikaans and Standard Afrikaans

In this section I will survey a number of features ${ }^{68}$ which demarcate both synchronic non-standard varieties and diachronic vernaculars of Afrikaans from the standard variety, without claiming any ordering or continuance for the moment.

### 2.5.2.1 General deviations from Standard Afrikaans

Among the general differences between Orange River Afrikaans and Standard Afrikaans which have been treated in the previous paragraphs is the omission of the second element in the double negation (nie-2).
(8a) want ek kan glad nie meer sien
GA84:9569
(b) want ek kan glad nie meer sien *(nie)

Afrikaans
for I can totally not more see not
For I can't see anymore.

In the corpus Jan Jonker Afrikaner letters, the subject of this study, as late as 1889 , no attestations of nie- 2 could be found. ${ }^{70}$ In the light of the claim made by Den Besten $(1978,1985,1986)$ that the double negation would have resulted from a combination of Germanic syntax with Khoesan grammar

[^45](substrate influence) this is unexpected. ${ }^{71}$ Without being able to address this issue in precise detail it seems that the position of nie-1 in the grammar of Jan Jonker Afrikaner is, generally speaking, adjacent to the finite verb in the verb-second position ( $9 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ). In inversion constructions ${ }^{72}$ it appears adjacent to the subject ( 9 c ).
(9a) Ik heb niet $u$ ingeroep
IA. $\ln .233^{73}$
I have not you [in]called
I didn't call you.
(b) maar gij heb niet dat gedaan

III, $\ln .213$
but you have not that done
But you didn't do it.
(c) diet is waar: heb ik niet uwe naar liesder heb IB, In. 145
it is true have I not you to listened have
It is true (that) I didn't listen to you.

In the Germanic languages these structures would invoke a reading of constituent negation. ${ }^{74}$ However, this cannot be the intended meaning of the sentences in (9). Thus, it can be argued that in the grammar of this particular form of Hollands the Negation Phrase ( NegP ), in which the negative element is projected, is in a different position (below AgrSP but above AgrOP), than the Germanic NegP, which is placed at the boundary of IP and VP (cf. the structural representation sketched in §1.2). ${ }^{75}$ These data clearly call for further investigation but are, prima facie in line with Ponelis' (1993:478) conclusion that the scope of negation in eighteenth-/nineteenth-century Afrikaans was

[^46]structurally opaque.

A further difference between ORA and SA is the omission of articles and prepositions in ORA in positions where they would be obligatory in SA (cf. Van Rensburg 1984:95). The former could be attributed to substrate influence, as Nama does not feature articles. In the correspondence of the Oorlam-Nama, the use of articles is irregular, often absent as well as overdone (cf. the letter from Daniel Daus c.s. in § 3.2.1.1, p.90) ${ }^{76}$ Examples from Jan Jonker Afrikaner's oeuvre include:


I can prove to you that you are as cunning as a snake.

Where prepositions in GA84 are often omitted in contrast with SA, in the Oorlam-Nama correspondence the number of prepositions in use seems limited and their semantic connotations often do not correspond to either Dutch or Afrikaans. In (11), similarly as in English, against cannot function as a dative marker. ${ }^{77}$ Likewise behind cannot combine with an abstract object such as 'war'. In contrast, in other creole languages behind (or the noun back) often function as a preposition or temporal adverb denoting 'after' (cf. Bruyn 1995:241-242 on Sranan baka 'behind/after').
(11) woevel maal heb ik deëen Kamaharo: vrede gevrag achter de eerste oorlog iB, in. 110 how many times have I against Kamahareo peace asked behind the first war How often did I ask Kamaharero for peace since the first war?

[^47]This aspect of the syntax in the Oorlam-Nama correspondence may perhaps be classified as imperfect second language acquisition (cf. Larson-Freeman \& Long, 1994:62ff). Unfortunately I am unable to deliberate the question if these could be calques of Nama PPs. ${ }^{78}$ But likewise, Van Rensburg (1984:131) makes note of the non-standard use of the prepositions agter (behind) en op (on) in GA84, as well as Nieuwoudt ( $1990: 139$ ), who remarks on prepositional variation in other varieties of ORA. The issue clearly needs further investigation.

As mentioned earlier, objective vir in ORA has spread in general, and also into usage with [-animate] NPs.
(12) Vier hulle nog vir Nuwejaar ${ }^{79}$

Celebrate they still for New year

However, this does not seem to be a unique ORA development. Van Rensburg (1989:448) ascertains that vir "toenemend voor [kom] voor 'n persoonlike voonwerp [in Kaapse Afrikaans], die Maleiers en Kleurlinge gebruik vir baie meer as wat blankes dit gebruik ... en die werkersklas sprekers van al drie die sosiale groepe gebruik dit baie meer as die hoë klas sprekers." ${ }^{80}$

Besides this Nieuwoudt (1990:138) illustrates vir replacing other prepositions with examples from 'Afrikaans van die Richtersveld', 'Botswana Afrikaans', as well as from 'Rehoboth Afrikaans'. In (13a) vir replaces the preposition aan (to), ${ }^{81}$ in (13b) the preposition met (with).

[^48](13a) Hulle is net gewoond vir lekker lewe
they are just used to/for nice life
(b) As ek moet vir jou trou

If 1 must for you marry

As noted above the use of prepositions in the Oorlam-Nama data in the present corpus is too irregular to make any substantive generalizations.

The periphrastic possessive construction with se in ORA has spread to regular usage with pronouns (Van Rensburg 1984:106, Nieuwoudt 1990:141, Visser 1989:92). As this aspect of ORA and Oorlam-Nama Dutch will be dealt with in detail in $\S 4.2 .3$, I will forego further discussion here.

The above-mentioned aspects in the grammar of Griqua Afrikaans as documented in Van Rensburg (1984) have been culled on the basis of frequency indexes (Van Rensburg 1984:46). Thus particular constructions, typical but infrequent in the corpus are not discussed. ${ }^{82}$ In the Oorlam-Nama data which are the subject of this study, that factor has not been considered. Notwithstanding that particular constructions (double finite verbs, absence of finite verbs) are difficult to assess in the GA84 corpus, because this corpus consists of the spoken language form, whereas the Oorlam-Nama corpus represents a written style (cf. § 1.2, footnote 15, p.10), none of the characteristics, infra are absent from contemporary ORA.

### 2.5.2.2 Double finite verbs

Bearing in mind that $S A$ and all its varieties do not make a morphological distinction between the finite form and the infinitival form of the verb, the sentence in (14) from GA84 cannot be analyzed as recursive VP-embedding (14b,d), (cf. Wurmbrand 1998, and Chapter Six).
(14a) Ons het nie sommer op een plek gebly het nie
GA84, $289 \ln .17$ We have not just on one spot stayed have not We didn't just stay in one place.

[^49](b) *.dat ons nie sommer op een plek gebly het het (nie) ${ }^{83}$
(c) Ons kon nie sommer op een plek gebly het nie
(d) ..dat ons nie sommer op een plek kon gebly het (nie)

The Oorlam-Nama data show similar structures, but are more telling as this vernacular still displays something resembling the Dutch morphological inflection (15), (details are presented in § 6.3.4.2.2).
(15) ik ziet nu dat is warlijk uwe rad is, dit hief Damras deze op roergemaak heeft...

I see now that is truly your advice is, that has Damaras this rebellion.made has
I see now that it is really on your advice, that the Damaras started this rebellion...
IA, $\ln .365$

It is uncertain if such a construction would be grammatical (or at least acceptable) in SA (cf. § 1.1.1 on contemporary judgements). It has gone unnoticed in the traditional literature, although the number of examples of this kind are legion in the GA84 corpus (see Chapter Six). Moreover, this type of structure is not absent from the Cape archival material (16).
(16) ...en et reegen waater is door et dak is geloopen
...and the rain water is through the roof is run
... and that the rain water had come through the roof on the wheat....
onder et koorn.
under the wheat
CJ1089, no. 21, Ao. 1763

In Chapter Six this aspect of Afrikaans will be examined in detail.

[^50]${ }^{83}$ In southern German dialects temporal auxiliary embedding is not ungrammatical (ia). (Jacki 1909, Reis 1910), provided that only one of the two is realized as a finite form (ia'). This has been described in the literature as an instance of recursive VR (see Chapter Five) producing a double perfect, which replaces the pluperfect forms (ib)
2.5.2.3 Suspension of the finite verb

In § 2.5.1.1 it was shown that tense marking in SA deviates from the Germanic one in important ways, both formally and systematically. Formally SA exhibits just two forms, the unmarked stem and the periphrastic amalgamate [het...ge-V], styled on the Dutch perfect tense form to denote past. ${ }^{84}$ Systematically they also differ: in Afrikaans both (17a) and (17b) can denote [+past], depending on the context; in Dutch (17a) signals only [-past] (the present tense), and (17b) only [+past] (the present perfect tense).

## (17)

## AFRIKAANS

(a) Hy werk
(b) Hy het gewerk

## DUTCH

hij werkt he works
hij heeft gewerkt he has worked the worked

In the Oorlam-Nama data which are the subject of the present study we find the temporal auxiliary expressed twice, (example (15), above) as well as omitted (18).


Although suspension of the finite verb and 'bare' participial forms have largely gone unnoticed in the literature as observed by Roberge (1994b:67), it seems a widespread feature of earlier Afrikaans as well as ORA. Roberge makes the suggestion that ge could function as an unbound tense marker. In Chapter Six the temporal reference of the bare participial structures ( $[0 \ldots g e-V]$ ) in the clause will be further examined. And, although pragmatic factors cannot always be ruled out, similar examples are attested in the corpus GA84, as well as in the Griqua Afrikaans commented on in Van Zill (1947), the Witbooi Dairy (Voigts ed., 1929) (19a), ${ }^{85}$ as well as in the KT material (Van Oordt n.d.). From

[^51]the latter an example in (19b). ${ }^{86}$
(19a) En ik heb mijn paard opgezadel met Samuël en $\qquad$ gereden en hij __ ook alleen and I have my horse saddled with Samuell and rode and he also alone uitgekomen met zijn paard. (8) came out with his horse
(b) [...] want ik met het begin van Sijn Siekte tot sijn overlijden bij hem geweest bin en for I with the beginning of his illness till his death with him been am and ook met het ontkleden geen eenig manquement of kwetsuer gesien ___ [I]n teken der also with the undressing not one defect or injury seen in sign of [the] waarheijd ondertekene ik het met mijn eijgen hand.
truth sign I it with my own hand CJ 1096 no. 532, Ao. 1769

Although present-day Afrikaans grammar rules out this type of structure, the construction can be observed as late as the early twentieth century. ${ }^{87}$ In the narrative diary of Susarha Nel, which retells her incarceration in the Mafikeng concentration camp during the Anglo Boer war (1899-1902), probably written within the decade after her ordeal (Bottomley \& Luijks 1998), the temporal auxiliary is added in over the line as corrections to the manuscript, in numerous instances. ${ }^{88}$ The diary begins:

Wat ik Sùsarha Eliesabetha deùr-gemaak <ol het> en ons laaste corlog van $1899-\operatorname{tot} 1902$ det was en die nag van die 4 Jùlij 1901 ons <olrwas> nog gerùs. toe mij hùs van die vijhand om sengel word... ${ }^{89}$

Both, the doubled finite verb structure and the constructions which exhibit the suspension of the finite verb, will be examined further in Chapter Six.

[^52]3 Hollands on the Geographical Periphery of the Southern African Colonial Society

### 3.1 The Afrikaners: their origin and their history

As mentioned in $\S 2.1$ the term Oorlam does not denote an ethnic group, instead the term refers to those people from various cultural and/or racial groups who had acquired a higher standard of acculturation within the colonial setting. In southern Africa around the middle of the eighteenth century it denotes a new, higher class, that emerged from several groups of indigenous peoples, generally referred to as the Khoekhoe or Hottentots, as well as the imported slaves (cf. the abstruseness in reference to Adam Kok, founder of the Griqua nation, as both a slave and/or a Hottentot in footnote 4, below). This new elite can be seen to be the result of the acculturation of the local population with the bonded servants and the colonizing European forces.

### 3.1.1 The Afrikaner Oorlams

The word Afrikaner (/Africander) has been in use in the Cape colony with a variety of significations over the centuries. The common denominator seems to have been "people born in Africa", and definitions include African-born descendants of European parents generally, African-born offspring of Dutch parents only, and a denotation for the descendants of unions between slaves and Khoekhoe or Whites to distinguish them from the slaves who came from Madagascar, Mozambique and the East. The first official mention of this name dates back to $1761 .{ }^{1}$ In the Criminal Court proceedings

[^53]a decade later we read for example:
daar omstreex meede werkenden slaaven jongen Andries, dewelke een africaner is, toegeroepen...
(CJ 393, p. 265, anno 1768)

Thereafter, the term seems to have been adopted as a proper name for individuals or groups among the indigenous (Khoekhoe, Hottentots) population.

Hottentot Africaner' noem dit 'n voorstok (CI 408, 264,265,266, anno 1772)
had gem(elde) Africaner daarop dien hottentot in der hottentoten taal substanticelijk tot Antwoord
gegeven: wat geef ik om dat goed Duijtsvolk (CJ 408, p. 629, anno 1772)

Een bitje hiernae zoo hoorden wij schreeuwen, toe slaagt de hersepannen in, en raakt, raakt. Hierop soo saag wij de pad langs te hecle troep uitkoomen, en op onze waagens an; daarop schrecuwde de heele troep immers voort(: ) toe raakt, raakt, en gooijze de hersenpannen in, [..] En naer dat ik en mijn man weder aan 't opkoomen waren, so ben wij van mijn Schoonmoeder afgereeden hiernae de Cape toe, en terwijl wij bij Julius Steijn aan kwaamen, soo hoorde ik daar van eene Hottentots meijd, welke Betje genaamt, dat die Hottentof Afrikaaner, dewelke de Schaape van Jan Christoffel Rog gestoolen, in presentie van Julius Steijn en vrouw, soo grootsch gedaan, en daarmeede gepraalt hadde, dat ik zoo geslaagen gebleeven, en de weg leggen ben. ${ }^{3}$
(CJ 408, p 915-953, Cabo de Goede Hoop, den 5 Aug: anno 1772)
Eventually, the name Afrikaner became connected to a group of Khoekhoe-Hottentots/Basters originating from the Cape peninsula that rose to supremacy in the 1830 s in Central Namibia. The

[^54]founding father of this polity was Jonker Afrikaner (tulbagh, ca. 1785 - +Windhoek, 1861), who left the Orange River area around 1823 and established himself with some 300 followers further north, ultimately finding domicile in Windhoek around 1840 (Vedder 1938, Lau 1987, Penn 1995, Pool 1995, Dedering 1997). From then on, he and his raad (council) ruled Namaland and Hereroland, thereby creating a powerful, if rudimentary, state. Jonker has gone down in history as a bloodthirsty tyrant. This point of view, however, was predominantly based on reports from the Rhenish missionaries and is decidedly one-sided (cf. Loth 1963, Lau 1987). Jonker's father, Jager Afrikaner (? - 1823) had left the Cape peninsula towards the end of the eighteenth century for the northern interior. ${ }^{4}$ Between the 1770 s and 1790 s the family were dependants of one Pienaar, a farmer from the Cape Colony (see Vedder 1938 [1966]:16, Penn 1995:393ff, on Pienaar's career in the northern Cape territory and beyond). Possibly the Afrikaners were also authorized by the Cape authorities to take independent actions against the Khoekhoe and the San of the Orange River area (cf. $\S 2.1$ on the institution of the kommando). Jager Afrikaner murdered Pienaar in 1796 whereafter he built himself a notorious reputation, roaming north and south of the Orange River (cf. Vedder 1938, Penn 1995, Dedering 1997).

Jager's son and successor, Jonker Afrikaner was born at Roode Zand, Tulbagh ca. 1785. He left his father at Blydeverwacht (district Karasburg) around 1823 and settled later at Windhoek (Lau ed., 1989:292, Nienaber 1989:565). From here he built his influential captaincy in Namaland (Lau 1987, ed., 1989). Jonker Afrikaner died in 1861 and he was succeeded by his son Christian. Christian was killed shortly afterwards in a confrontation with the enemy (the Damaras [Herero] army raised by trader Andersson (see § 3.1.3) in June, 1863 at Otjimbingwe) endowing his brother, Jan Jonker with the leadership of the Oorlam Afrikaners, (see Lau 1987:126-130, Lau ed., 1989; Vedder 1938 [1966]:335, as well as Jan Jonker's own recount of the aftermath in the letters $\mathrm{No}^{\prime}$ 's 3 to 5 , Appendix I, section IA). At this point in time Jan Jonker's correspondence begins. The historiographies further contend that after the defeats in the 1860 s (infra) the Afrikaners did not rise to power again, that in

[^55]fact Jan Jonker's rule led to the downfall of the Afrikaner Nation. After Jan Jonker's death in an engagement with Hendrik Witbooi in 1889 the group was vanquished and the remaining members were scattered. ${ }^{5}$

Jan Jonker's correspondence gives us an idea of the forces at play from his point of view, which were to lead up to these events. For the period 1837-1860 the diary of missionary Carl Hugo Hahn (published in Lau ed., 1984-1985) offers us an insight into the Namaland affairs during the period of rule of the father of Jan Jonker. The diary of the trader Charles John Andersson continues for the years 1860-1864 (Lau ed., 1989). Lau (1987) has written a monograph about the rise of the Afrikaner polity under the rule of Jan Jonker's father, Jonker Afrikaner (1840-1861), and a diary has come down to us written by Hendrik Witbooi, detailing the events from 1884 until 1895 (published in Voigts ed., 1929). The present corpus of letters by Jan Jonker fill in on details of the period 1861 1880. More historic information is provided in the appendix, introducing Jan Jonker's letters in English translation (Appendix II).

Dedering (1997) advocates the view that the Cape-Oorlam Khoekhoe were culturally the same as the Namaland Khoekhoe. He infers that the Cape-Oorlams did not "invade" these territories, as was previously believed. ${ }^{6}$ Instead, he argues that the Oorlams initially settled down with the full consent of the local inhabitants (applying for the necessary permits and paying tribute). From a letter by Jager Afrikaner (Jan Jonker's grandfather) and his brother Titus Afrikaner (quoted below on p.75, footnote 29) it transpires that these initial contacts were not always free of animosities, and the issue is thus far from being resolved. Socio-economically, the central Namibian trade relations are mostly depicted as the merchandising of "stolen Herero cattle" (Dedering 1997:173, [emphasis added]; see also

[^56]Vedder 1938: passim), with the Oorlams ${ }^{7}$ as the thieves:

From the 1840 s, the upper echelons of the raiding-trading network were mainly occupied by Oorlams, or acculturated Nama, who had access to European goods and frearms. Many Damara, Herero and San were forced into a new underclass of exploited servants and herders (Dedering 1997:177).

In the next section there is a ranking of the people and tribes the Oorlam-Hottentots came in contact with.

### 3.1.2 The indigenous people of Namaland

A description of the peoples the Oorlam-Hottentots encountered in the territories north of the Orange river areas can be rather vague. The ethnonymic terminology used by the newcomers (and the indigenes themselves) fluctuates. Nineteenth-century reports distinguish the Nama from the Herero (which is equated with Damara, ${ }^{8}$ infra). A primary division can be made into the Khoekhoe (Hottentots, Nama), the San(Bushmen, Bosjesmannen) in remote areas and the Kalahari desert and the Bantu: the Herero and the Briekwas or Thlaping of Bechuanaland (present-day North West Province (South Africa) and Botswana). Furthermore we have to differentiate the Hottentots who came from the Cape and the Hottentots who were indigenous to Namaland. The Herero are often equated with the Damara in the literature - for example in the index in Lau (ed., 1984-1985:1308) the Herero are co-listed as "Damaras, Gomaxa-Damaras, Omuherero, Ovuherero" and Hereroland is indexed as "Damaraland". Perspicuously, the ethnonym Damara does not refer exclusively to the Herero. Haacke (p.c.) specifies that "the Nama-tribes in Namaland referred to with Dama (perhaps 'black people') are two different groups: the Beesdamaras (cattle Dama), which are the Herero's

[^57](Bantu) and the Xaudama (excrement Dama), also called Bergdamaras' (mountain Dama), or simply Damaras. These days, the Beesdamara speak a Bantu language and only rarely bother to learn Nama" (cf. Haacke et al 1997). Nienaber (1989) does make the distinction between Beesdamaras and Bergdamaras but finds it hard to classify the latter, "these Nama-speaking black people" (op.cit: 180); "...die Bergdamaras wat etnies tot die Herero's behoort maar in taal en sentiment tot die Namas behoonf' (op.cit.:41). ${ }^{10}$ He proposes that the Bergdamara were a Bantu tribe who were once conquered by the Namaland Namas and that they subsequently lost their language:

Die Bergdamaras het êrens in die tyd sy eie taal en kuluur afgelê en dit vervang met dié van die Namas wat hulle meesters geword het. Hulle het oorspronkelik 'n Bantoctaal gepraat as moedertaal. In 'n sin is hulle taal nou 'n dialek van Nama (Nienaber 1989:68).

Haacke (p.c.) confirms that:

In the old jargon it is true that the Damara speak 'Nama', like the Nama proper do. That it is however not true that the Damara adopted that language from the Nama; as recently has been proved in a dialect sürvey, they speak a common language with different dialects, now again called Khockhoegowab.

Summarizing we distinguish the Bantu-speaking Herero (the Beesdamara), who were Jan Jonker's chief concern throughout this period, from the Bergdamara, the latter group being much like the Nama in custom and perhaps language. We encounter the Bergdamara as Jan Jonker's denizens. Besides these groups there are the Nama proper, who were, like the Cape Oorlam, Khoekhoe or Hottentots. Amongst these, the following different tribes can be named in order of size and importance:

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Red Nation (Rooinasie, Kai//khaun)
Bondelswarts (!Kamizuûn)
Veldskoendraers (/Haboben)
Fransman Hottentots (IKharakhoen, later Simon Koper Hotentots)
Swartboois (//Khau/goan)
Topnaars (fAonin)
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And, possibly as an offshoot of the Red Nation:

Groot Dode (Great Dead, IGomen)
Tseib's people (Karoloan)

The names of the Namaland tribes seem straightforward translations from Nama into Dutch (Lau 1987:6, Nienaber 1989 passim). As the Europeans before them in the Cape two centuries earlier, the newcomers into Namaland stood as the example and aim, in custom and language, to the indigenous people. For example Willem Swartbooi, the leader of the Nama-Hottentot Swartboois, is reported to have done away entirely with his own culture and language in exchange for the Cape-Hottentot's example (cf. Wallman's quotation, p.84).

The settlement pattern of the Nama groups was rather like a checkerboard. Different groups lived amongst each other, at most a clan had a certain right to a specific place or pasture but they did not own a demarcated territory (Lau ed., 1989:7, see also Vedder 1938). Except for the Swartboois, the Namaland Hottentots, like the Bergdamara, fell under Jan Jonker's authority, were his allies, paid him taxes and enjoyed his protection. "The Beesdamara on the other hand had only become allies and tributaries to Jonker Afrikaner (Jan Jonker's father) in 1843 (Ross 1976:10, Vedder 1938 [1966]:199-203). However, from the early 1860s onwards they began to refuse to accept the Afrikaner dominance, possibly through the influence of the missionaries who sought both to convert them to Christianity, as well as to break the dominance of the Afrikaners (Lau 1987). See for example Jan Jonker's own explanation of his troubles in a letter to the governor of the Cape, Sir Philip Wodehouse:

[^59][We were always friends and allies with the (Bees-)Damara]... Then, teacher Hahn gave the Damaras advice: that the Damaras should stand up and fight us, drive us away and that they then would own the land. That is the advice he gave, that is how the war between us started, because of the advice of the teacher. (Letter No. 13, dd. 22.04.1869, Appendix I, section IA; Appendix II).

At this period in time Kamaharero emerged as the paramount chief of the Beesdamara, although his authority was not undisputed. From Jan Jonker's correspondence it transpires that Kamaharero had trouble keeping all his people under control. ${ }^{12}$ Kamaharero apparently spoke the Otiherero language, he acquired some Dutch later in life but it is doubtful whether he learned to read and write. Vedder (1938 [1966]:430) relates that when a protection treaty was entered into with the Cape Government in 1874, only his son Wilhelm was able to sign his name to the document. In the corpus of OorlamNama letters there is reference to Jan Jonker Afrikaner functioning as a scribe for Kamaharero (see §3.2.1.1, p.92). ${ }^{13}$

Besides the Afrikaners, other groups or polities of Cape-Oorlams that had moved into Namaland by this time include the Bethany people (Bethaniers, /Amas) under the leadership of the Booi(s) or Frederiks family; ${ }^{14}$ the Berseba people under Paul Goliath ${ }^{15}$ and his followers; the Witboois who settled at Gibeon and the Amraals (Gobabis-people) under the chieftaincy of Jonker Afrikaner's cousin Amraal Lambert. The Witboois became the stronger faction at a later stage, in the 1880 s. ${ }^{16}$

[^60]Hahn, anno 1853 (Lau ed., 1984-1985:672) assesses the strength of the Oorlam in Namaland as:

Jonker Afrikaner 5200 (excluding 800 Topnaars, including 2000 Bergdamaras en 2000 Ovaherero)
Amraals 800
Boois 800

Goliath 600

The Basters, as a separate group, only moved in in the late 1860 s (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:227). They were allowed (sic) to settle at Rehoboth in $1872 .{ }^{17}$ Politically they do not form part of the history related here. ${ }^{18}$ Only one particular group, in the beginning of the nineteenth century also calling themselves Basters, who had their main settlement south of the Orange River in Klaarwater played a largely undocumented, but identifiable role in this part of Namibian history. This group had moved north from the Cape at the turn of the eighteenth century under the leadership of the Kok family. ${ }^{19}$ Missionary Campbell from the London Missionary Society (henceforth: LMS) had visited them in 1815 and had made objections to this appellation whereupon the group at Klaarwater agreed on calling themselves Griquas. Klaarwater was accordingly renamed Griquatown. Their origin and lifestyle was initially very much like the Afrikaners and the other Oorlam captaincies. Their further development into a 'nation', in the nineteenth century differs from the Namaland Oorlams because their main settlements were in the Cape Colony, on land that was later claimed by other parties. Their

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${ }^{17}$ In 1870 peace negotiations between the Afrikaners and Beesdamara were completed and a treaty was signed, but Hahn saw to it that Jan Jonker's powers were sufficiently limited (Hahn made Jan Jonker and Kamaharero agree on a second treaty). Moreover, clearly in a final bid to prevent Jan Jonker and Kamaharero from renewing their alliance, Hahn obtained permission from Kamaharero to cnsure that the Cape Basters setted in Rehoboth, thus acting as a buffer between Jan Jonker and Kamaharero and setting a seal on a situation that had been prevalent for a few years already: Hahn's diplomatic interference resulted in a strong case for any European humter, trader or missionary to do as he pleased (Lau 1987:128, passim). See also Jan Jonker's letters from 1870 onwards, inchuded here in Appendix I, and Vedder 1938.


[^62]${ }^{19}$ Cf. footnote 4, p. 64.
history is comprehensively detailed in for example Ross (1976). ${ }^{20}$ Since they fell under the English speaking (LMS) missionaries most of their correspondence has been translated into English, ${ }^{21}$ but apparently 'Dutch' is deemed to have been the predominant language amongst them. The Griquas feature in the background throughout the correspondence from Namaland. ${ }^{22}$ In a diary entry from missionary Hahn, (see p.86, below), a Griqua wagon driver turns up and helps him translate to Beetje Booi, Jonker Afrikaner's wife, who apparently spoke only Nama. We hear from missionaries complaining about the "riff-raff from Griqualand", who knew better about the price of goods, coming into Namaland and "incite the people against the traders" (Lau 1987:103). We encounter "GriquaHottentots" as servants (Lau ed., 1989:84), and reportedly "hunting to the south-west of the Ovambo" (Lau ed., 1989:165). On the 31st of October 1864, Andersson enters in his diary:

31st. Monday. News from Aris. No written answer from John Jonker! When he received Mr. Hahn's letter he enquired whence and from whom it came and, on being told. threw the epistle away in great rage and exclaimed: "Peace, peace, yes, they shall soon hear of me!" The Bergdamaras inform us that very large numbers of Griquas have joined Jan Jonker; Iversen who writes in Swedish to Smith corroborates the statement, begging his friend for God's sake to come away,... (Lau ed., 1989:166).

[^63]A few months later (22.12.1864) he writes:

The Krygers give me much anxiety. Todd and Co. assure me that they saw guns in the hands of the Hottentots which they knew were the property of the Griquas. This may be accounted for in more than one way. Either the Totenties took the guns with force or the Griquas gave them of their own accord on condition of sharing the prospected plunder, i.e. Damara cattle. (Laued., 1989:185).

Missionary Kleinschmidt writes to Andersson about the Griquas as cattle transporters (Lau ed., 1989:219) and Willem Swartbooi complains to Jan Jonker that the Griekennaars are a bad influence on him:

Nu wilde ik u antwoorden op uwe twee brieven, ik ben niet kort van worden, on u de antwoorden, maar deze antwoord is niet voor $u$, Jan Afrikaner, want gij kund toch niet regeren, want gij kund toch niet doen zoo als gij wil, want gij woord toch rond getrokken van andere mans, en ook van de onverstandige grickennaars. Zoo zal ik nu die antwoorden, wand die griekennaars zeggen zij willen loop dooden daar dat hunnen kinderen toch op hun bloed plekkriegen kan dat zijn griekennaars woorden... (16 January 1864, Lau ed., 1989:278). ${ }^{23}$

That the Griqua had firmly established ties with Namaland also becomes clear from the Articles 6 and 7 from the Treaty of the 'United Captains', signed in 1858 . ${ }^{24}$

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Traktaats brief
Van ons vereenigde Kapiteins en
Raadslieden is besloten op den
9 January 1858 op de plaats +Jesa
Katnas.
[..]
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Artikel 6 Wy besluiten ook onze ver-

Treaty letter
By us, united captains and
Council has been decided on the
9 th of January 1858 on the place + Jesa
Katnas.
[...]
Aricle 6 We decide also our
${ }^{23}$ I wanted to answer you, your two letters. I'm not short of words to answer you, but this answer is not for you Jan Afrikaner, because you can't rule anyway, because you cannot do as you want, because you are influenced by other men, and also by foolish Griquas. Thus I will answer to them, because the Griquas say they want to kill [everyone] there, so that their children can occupy the place there, that are the words of the Griquas...
${ }^{24}$ Besproken, goed gekeurd en eenstemmig aangenomen van ons Kapiteine (discussed, ratilied and unamimously accepted by us, captains): Comelius //Oasib, + Karab, Willem Swartbooi + Huisib, Jager + Aimeb, Garib, Hendrik Hendriks + Namib, Pied Koper Gâmab, Witbooi a/feib, Ambraal + Gainub, Jonker Afrikaner Haramub, David Christiaan / Naîxab, Paul Goliath Howegab (NA, A237, II).
bintenis en traktaat te stellen met alle Greiqua hoofde. Wanneer zy ons noodig hebben met groote oorlogen, die het land betreffer dat wy dan gereed zullen zyn hun te hulp te komen.

Art. 7 Wy ondergeteekende hoofden besluiten ook, wanneer iemand uit Griequaland als vlugtenaar hier in dit land komt zich te verbergen. En wanneer zyn hoofd cene aanvraag doet dan zal hy afgegeven worden, door dien hoofd in welke wyse hy gevonden word. Alzoo ook dezelfde verpligten van de Griequa hoofde.
unison and treaty to make with all the Griqua chiefs. When they need us with big wars, which concern the land, that we will be ready to come to their aid.

Art. 7 We the undersigned chiefs decide also, when someone from Griqualand flees to here, in this land, to hide himself. And when his chief requests then he will be returned, by this chicf in the way he has been found. Likewise the same duty lies with the Griqua chiefs.

In the 1880s the Kok family (founders of the Griqua polity) apparently held leadership positions among the Witboois. On a list of Hendrik Witbooi's "officials" to uphold law and order, we see Andreas Kok in the position of Field Cornet, Christian Kok as councillor, next to Jonathan Afrikaner as a messenger, and Samuel Izaak as the deputy captain, (amongst others), (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:64, 240). From this listing we further learn that by this time the original Namaland polities had fragmented. From the 1870s on the numbers of the original polities dwindled, many groups ceased to be mentioned separately, their ranks being absorbed by the Afrikaners and the Witboois. ${ }^{25}$ According to Vedder (1938 [1966]:425) it went so far that "the Griquas, who were subject to the control of the Cape government, were very anxious to escape from that control by emigrating to South West Africa" (cf. the allegations in the letter from Swartbooi to Jan Jonker Afrikaner quoted above).

As mentioned in Chapter One (p.1), the language of the Griquas today differs sufficiently not to be classified as a dialect but rather as a variety of Afrikaans. The similarities in origin, history and lifestyle between the Afrikaners and the Griquas warrant it to evaluate Jan Jonker's language as a forerunner of present-day Griqua Afrikaans. Supposedly the contemporary Afrikaans of the Basters living in Rehoboth (Namibia) is likewise comparable. However, we do not have the transcribed, spoken data from this group as we have from Griqua Afrikaans in South Africa, which was recorded and transcribed in a lengthy project in the 1980s (Van Rensburg 1984). Before we turn to the

[^64]linguistic features of ORA in detail, we take a look at another party involved in the politics in Namibia in those days: the missionaries and traders.

### 3.1.3 Missionaries and traders

Although early missionary activity in the northern Cape frontier region was not absent, ${ }^{26}$ Dedering (1997) starts an evaluation of missionary labors along the banks of the Orange River with the arrival of the first London Missionary Society representatives in 1805, namely, the brothers C. and A. Albrecht and J. Seidenfaden. Through their reports back to their employers, Dedering presents a picture of these missionaries as "ordinary" people working in an extraordinary environment (cf. J. \& J. Comaroff 1997). Such a perception is perhaps understandable given the source material largely consisting of the European's missives, but the cognizance of missionary activities as a whole remains hard to understand (cf. Loth 1963). As a result, it is difficult to infer what it was that these missionaries were up against. On one level it is reasonable to adopt the somewhat disingenuous argument that it is unrewarding to speculate on changes in indigenous social/cultural structures, because the earlier composition of these socio-economic arrangements is hidden from history (Dedering 1997:175). Yet, if one accepts this dismissive argument with regard to one side of the equation, it is hard to see how one can avoid discussing the nature of the missionaries and vocation: ${ }^{27}$ how "ordinary" could a person be, who would go to such lengths to follow a calling, or engage in the desire to travel to unknown and/or dangerous African territories in the early nineteenth century? ${ }^{28}$ In other words, with respect to the historiographies of the missionary efforts, the socio-cultural context

[^65]is often missing. ${ }^{29}$ The parameters that defined both what the missionaries and indigenous people could do, as well as their own perceptions of the reasons and consequences of their actions, are nowhere clearly explicated.

A third party of major influence in Nama-/Hereroland in the nineteenth century is missionary Carl Hugo Hahn (1818-1895, German) representing the Rheinische Missionsgesellschaft ${ }^{30}$ (Rhenish Mission Society, henceforth: RMG), with intervals from 1842 until 1873. He had established himself in Windhoek with Jan Jonker's father, Jonker Afrikaner in 1842, and he seems both Jan Jonker's biggest refuge and antagonist. Hahn apparently taught Jan Jonker to read and write (see letter №. 10, Appendix I, section IA), and Jan Jonker obligingly writes Hahn everything that befalls him, asking for advice, at first trusting him seemingly blindly:

[^66]And one cannot help wondering how history would have changed if the Heeren alle die God liefhet Vroome menschen aan de Caab (Gentlemen, all who love God, pious people in the Cape) to whom this letter is addressed, had given Jager and Titus a positive answer at this early date (only later, in 1815 Jager obtained the missionary J.L.Ebner). Cf. Dedering 1997 on the missionary labors in the carly nineteenth century in the Orange River area; Penn 1995 on the situation south of the Orange River.
${ }^{30}$ Other missionaries present in Namaland at the time (1860-1870) were (a.o.) F.H. Kleinschmidt (amongst the Swartboois at Rehoboth), J.G. Schröder Snr. (Pella), J.G. Schröder Jr. (Berseba, Keemanshoop and later in Windhoek), J.G. Krönlein (Berseba), F.H. Vollmer (Hoachanas), P.H. Brinker (Otjimbingwe) and F.W. Weber (Gobabis and Warmbad), (Lau (ed.) 1989, passim).

Dear Sir, I will return you a reply. Dear Sir, but I do not know which answer I shall give you more; I am still at peace with you and all the white people. In friendship, as always. Therefore I always write you leters, to ask you [advice] when I hear something from that side... (Jan Jonker Afrikaner to Missionary Hahn, 10.6.1869, Letter №. 16, Appendix I, section IB.)

Around the 1870 s (after a peace-treaty with his foremost enemy Kamaharero was signed) Jan Jonker becomes more aware that Hahn might be advocating a political strategy of 'divide and rule'. (See for example letter 26, dd. 18.07.1870, Appendix I, section 11; also Lau 1987, chapters seven and eight.) Hahn's interests were focused on the Herero mission; his converts however, remained few in number (Lau ed., 1984-1985, Vedder 1938, Goltblatt 1971). He left the service of the RMS in 1873 (see footnote 88, p.101) and then became active in the field of linguistic studies, exploration and, through his persistent and successful endeavor to expand the European mission field, also in trade and politics.

Notable traders at the time were C.I. Andersson (1827-1867) and his aide F.J. Green (ca. 18301876). Especially Andersson, a Swedish national, became quite involved in the politics as he found himself hampered by Jan Jonker's dominance over the trade routes. ${ }^{31}$ Then again Jan Jonker's antagonism towards Andersson does not seem too unfounded when we learn that Andersson unscrupulously sent infected cattle (lung sickness) through the herds of the indigenous people, to the Cape (Lau 1987:126). Green (a Canadian) had a reputation for recklessness; he did for instance, not shy away from killing women and children of the Afrikaners (Lau ed., 1984-1985:1256). The center of the Europeans' activities seems to have been Otjimbingwe, (Nama: Atsâb), halfway between Windhoek and the coast, from where Hahn tried to spread Christianity and Andersson to set up a trading network. From the traditional historiographies it transpires that the tension between these groups was rooted in the struggle of the "Herero to free themselves from the yoke of the Nama". ${ }^{32}$

[^67]The traders and missionaries who have left their accounts felt themselves charitably involved in this 'tribal strife' in the African wilds and emerge from their own records as advocators of the 'freedom fighters' they claimed the Herero to be. The Herero had to be freed from the limitations and controls which the powerful Oorlam Afrikaner alliance had been able to impose on them, as they possessed better political insights won by a long history of struggle against the servile roles imposed by Dutch and British colonialism. But as Lau (1987, 1989 ed. $)^{33}$ has argued, and as transpires from the present corpus of letters which Jan Jonker wrote, there was little charity, rather tangible personal interest on the part of the Whites, which was ruthlessly defended.

Summarizing, the general view of the Namaland missionaries, presented in the literature leaves one with the monocausal impression that the missionaries were 'poor', 'ordinary' people in an inhospitable, harsh environment, confronted by 'cunning' Africans. Yet missionary C.H. Hahn characterized his missionary colleagues as being largely "stupid". ${ }^{34}$ At the same time, even if we assume the Afrikaner Oorlam leaders to be capable (or even shrewd) chiefs who were manipulating the missionaries for their own ends, this would not be an unnatural situation, for doubtlessly, they would have been imprudent or even derelict in their duty as leaders of their people not to have done so.

As to the central question concerning how the missionaries were able to gain control over a

[^68]${ }^{33}$ Much of the above has drawn on the publications from Lau ( $1984-1985$ ed., 1987, 1989 ed., 1995). With regret I had to learn of her untimely death. The first five letters of this collection of Jan Jonker missives can also be found, int their original version, in Lau (ed.) 1989.
${ }^{35}$ Lau (ed.)1984-1985: 669, C. Hahn, Ruckschau, anno 1853: "Die Gesellschaften sind dem Maxim gefolgl, fur dummen Hottentotten passten dumme Missionare, wenigstens ungebildete, ..." (The Societies have followed the maxim that for the stupid Hotientots (Khoekhoe), stupid missionaries, at least uneducated ones, suited best....).
fundamentally different, yet otherwise perfectly functioning society, ${ }^{35}$ Dedering (1997:173) offers that:

TTe] chiefs [must have] found it more difficult to assemble and control followers, because the missionaries offered at least a temporary alternative to ambitious cian heads, impoverished individuals and women looking for a more prestigious social position.

And that:
[The] missionaries offered spiritual and ideological innovation that attracted a larger following of Africans, especially women and children who found themselves excluded from socially rewarding positions (op.cit.:93).

This kind of explanation is not in accordance with what contemporaneous observers mention about social role-modelling in Khoekhoe societies. ${ }^{36}$ It may be true that the earlier accounts are not entirely devoid of romantic ideas about "noble savages" and what is now termed "the Otherness". Most of them fail to offer a context in which to examine such issues. As a touchstone, Penn (1995:483), writing from the perspective of the indigenous people, observes that from their point of view there may have been "the cruel disappointment of betrayed expectations - [that] the missionaries had not played their part".

[^69]In this respect the present study offers a significant contribution in disclosing the contents of letters from an indigenous source. The importance of the present treatment of the source material further lies in the fact that the original texts are diplomatically edited and are accompanied by Dutch and English glosses (cf. Chapter One, § 1.1.2.2). Thus, they remain open to further study and interpretation, both by the historian ${ }^{37}$ as well as by the linguist.

### 3.2 Diachronic Orange River Afrikaans

As discussed in Chapter Two (\$2.4), contemporary Orange River Afrikaans is listed as a post-creole language "spoken by many descendants of the former Khoekhoe-speaking population in/from the Orange River area, and derive[d] from a late $18^{\text {th }}$ century creole" (Smith 1995:355). And although, as brought forward in studies of the varieties of ORA, the idiosyncrasies of ORA are neither Dutch nor particularly Afrikaans (Van Rensburg 1984, II:399), according to Van Rensburg (op.cit: 47) none of its syntactic singularities are completely ruled out in Standard Afrikaans.

> Verder kan daar uit die toetsresultate [of Griqua-Afrikaans constructions -cl] bepaal word watter konstraksies na die oordeel van die respondente standaardkonstruksies is en watter konstruksies op die ander punt van die aanvaarbaarheidskaal, glad nie in Afrikaans voorkom nie. Nie een van die konstruksies kom glad nie in Afrikaans voor nie [ernphasis added]. ${ }^{38}$

The question arises whether nineteenth-century ORA must not be rather seen as an independent development amongst speakers living in remote areas of the northwestern Cape and beyond the Orange River. As documented in the previous chapters, ORA was formed among people (and their descendants), who migrated north from the Cape. In non-theoretical terms they were speakers of Hollands, which they introduced to these areas (cf. Van Rensburg et al, 1989, and § 2.1).

[^70]Linguistically speaking it is doubtful that the Hollands of the Cape Khoekhoe in contact with the Namaland Khoekhoe took an entirely different route of language formation, than the one which was already established by the contact of the Cape Khoekhoe and the colonizers. The question posited above will therefore be given a negative answer. This is in line with the working hypothesis formulated in Chapter Two that nineteenth-century ORA is a continuation of earlier developments of the CDV. Given this assumption, it cannot be ruled out that positive grammaticality judgements on ORA constructions by SA speakers are based on earlier variation which have not (yet) completely dissipated, again pointing in the direction of a communal origin of ORA and the CDV in the formative period.

To reach an insight into the forerunner of contemporary ORA, keeping in mind that it may lead to a deeper insight of the non-acrolectal CDV, I culled the Windhoek National Archives on a quest for documents which were "written in Dutch" ${ }^{39}$ Overall the linguistic quality of the written material of the Oorlam-Nama as found in the Windhoek National Archives (henceforth: NA), can be classified along two lines: those who showed a good knowledge of the metropolitan variant, and those who showed latent 'Afrikaans'constructions (often in the 'Dutch' spelling). A rudimentary division between the two forms can be made on the basis of the use ${ }^{40}$ of the first person plural pronoun wij (Dutch, nominative form) versus ons (Arikaans nominative form, Dutch non-nominative form), in nominative Case-positions. ${ }^{41}$

[^71]To attempt a closer characterization of the Hollands of the Oorlams, it may be pointed out that Roberge (1999:99) considers basilectal Cape Dutch varieties to have formed amongst groups like these. At the same time he notes that basilectilization of the CDV was not extreme, compared for instance to Atlantic Creoles. It is also not unlikely that the Oorlams' speech was influenced by contact with mesolectal speakers and, in the case of some, by being taught to read and write Dutch.

The exact nature of other language(s) and/or dialects which the eighteenth-mineteenth-century Khoekhoe spoke, in particular their grammars, are impossible to reconstruct. From the word-lists that have survived, ${ }^{42}$ Haacke (1998) established that seventeenth-century Cape-Khoe shares $69 \%$ of its vocabulary with present-day Nama as spoken in Namibia. Cape-Khoe shares an equal amount (69\%) with !Gora (also spelled !Ora or Koran(n)a), as documented from the 1930s. The vocabularies of IGora and Nama share $80 \%$ of the lexicon surveyed. Over a time-span of more than 300 years and approximately 2000 square kilometers on the African continent this is an impressive result. Regardless of the fact that nothing can be known about the particular syntactic traits, the continuation seems evident. Note the equal proximity of Cape-Khoe with both Nama and !Gora, contrary to the general opinion in the literature that Cape-Khoe had a greater affinity with !Gora than Nama (cf. Nienaber 1989:235). Although Hahn $(1881: 55,102)$ refers to definite differences between Nama and CapeHottentots ${ }^{43}$ in the beginning of the nineteenth century, as well as Nienaber (1989:674-675) who speaks about broad dissimilarities between Nama, Korana and Cape "Hottentot dialects", I will adopt the already common practice of using the present-day Nama grammar as a comparative model for the analysis of the syntactic structure of the nineteenth-century data under examination.

[^72]This practice does require further elaboration though; besides the spelling variation, ${ }^{46}$ the intricacies of the ethnonymic designations have often been ignored. Mistakes have been made and have been carried over by subsequent authors.

The number of tribes, groups and clans accounted for in the 900 odd pages of Nienaber's Khoekhoense Stomname (1989), speaks for itself as an indication of the linguistic and cultural diversity of the Khoekhoe. The South African Khoesan languages fall into two linguistically unrelated groups (Traill 1997:2). The !Kwi group, a branch of the southern Bushman (San) languages, with |Xam and ||Ng as South African examples is entirely extinct in South Africa. Only a few recordings, made in the 1930s remain. The second group is the Khoekhoe group, consisting of !Ora (/ IGora/ Koran(n)a), Gri, Nama, and the southern and eastern Cape Khoe dialects. Of these, only Nama survives today. Other languages of the Khoe family group are still spoken in Namibia, Botswana, southern Angola, and western Zambia.

From Traill (1997:6) it becomes clear that languages from these groups were often mutually unintelligible, even within the group. For example from the ! Kwi language group,
$\mathrm{Ku} \mid$ Khaasi and $\ddagger$ Khomani do not appear to have been mutually intelligible: not only was this Story's [ms., approx. 1940] impression but the last three people to retain some knowledge of $\neq$ Khomani could not understand a word of this [monologue by Kabara, 1936] Ku |Khaasi recording.

Language-typologically these languages do not form a uniform group either. Sandawe, Nama and !Ora are classified as SOV languages, whereas Ju'/hoan, =Hoan, Naro, IXõo, =Khomani and /Xam exhibit an SVO order (Bell 1999:13). Apart from the fact that mutual influence cannot be ruled out (infra), as demonstrated for the lexicon of the Khoekhoe group of languages by Haacke (1998), it is correct that "although there are many differences between ! Ora and its surviving linguistic relative Nama, in pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary, a Nama speaker will be able to grasp bits of

[^73][1Ora]" (Traill 1997:23). ${ }^{45}$ With respect to time (the seventeenth century vs. the twentieth century) and space (the Cape peninsular area vs. the territory along the Orange River) the apportionment of IOra (Korana) influence must be treated with care. Already in the late 1920 s just a few Korana could be found who had a reliable and fluent command of the language. ${ }^{46}$ Today, from one recording made in the late 1930 s, the language still can be heard. Notably, by that time most Koranas
had shifted to Afrikaans, at the same time adopting the ethonym Griqua. Others had shifted to Tswana. [..] Today there are no Korana, only Griquas who speak Afrikaans and English with a few individuals who remember odd words and phrases from this Khoekhoe language" (op.cit:23).

Therefore the equation of the Korana with the Griqua seems rather a twentieth-century development. The make-up of the population that became known as Griquas since 1814 seems of an entirely different nature. ${ }^{47}$ As far as the language under research here is concerned, it is not altogether clear which other languages contended with this particular form of Hollands. About their own preferences Nienaber (1989:801) claims that as much can be said as that they aspired to speak nothing but Dutch:

[^74]
# Die opvallendste teken van Oorlamskap was die toeëiening van Hollands as die eie taal. Daat was allerlei grade in die kennis van die eie taal, party het Nama glad nie meer geken nie, ander egter kon dit nog praat maar was nie trots op die kundigheid nie. Patty van die Oorlamkapteins het botweg geweier dat die sendelinge die kinders in Nama of deur Nama onderrig mag gee. Kroenlein 1834:86 in Quellen 10 vertel dat sy gemeente in Berseba meestal uit Ootlamme bestaan het en "sich erst in spatteren Jahren die Hottentotten-Sprache angeeignet haben. Sie sprechen daher herzich schlecht, und Tibot, mein Dolmetscher, wohl am schlechtesten. ${ }^{48}$ 

Nienaber's opinion is based on two statements from those days, which I will include in full:


#### Abstract

[Knudsen 1844 ms .] ...Orlam oder Orlammi (ohne Bedeutung). Khauaku, Orlammi u. Manatab sollen gleich sein ... (Baster, Orlam und Manab (nicht Namab) sind eins ...) Die Orlams sind solche, welche aus der Capgegend sind, und desshalb auch die holländische Sprache sprechen, wesshalb alle Hottentoten ... die Hollandisch verstehen und etwas geschickter und kluger als andere sind schlechtweg Orlams genannt worden. Auf Namaquaisch nemmen sich die Orlams zugleich Holländisch-sprecher, Duitschsprekers: Manada. Die Antwort, wemn sie gefragt werden, was fur Leute, sie sind, ist: Manata-da oder Manada-ta (Sing.), Manada-da (Pl.) ... Die Kinder Ulams sind die Orlams, kluge und geschickte Leute. ([Nienaber verduidelik:] Ulam is 'n nakomeling van koning Saul, Knudsen meen dat die Orlams se naam bewaar is in die Bybelse Ulam). ${ }^{49}$


[Wallman J.C. in Der Missions-Freund 1861 nr.5] Die Horde des Häupilings Willem (Willem Swartbooi): sein Name könnte auf den Gedanken bringen, als ob er selbst sich hätte taufen lassen. Dem war aber nicht so. Er hiess eigentlich Huisib und war ein echter landeingesessener Nama; als aber die Oorlam aus der Capcolonie ins Land eindrangen, ging es Huisib, wie vielen seiner

[^75]Landsleute: sie verachteten ihre vâterlichen Sitten und Weisen und wollten auch Oorlam, d.h. civilisirte Hottentotten sein, nich mehr auf Ochsen reiten, sondern in Wagen fahren, nicht mehr mit Bogen und Pfeilen schiessen, sondern Feuergewehr zur Hand nehmen, nicht melur in der Väter Zunge reden, sondern sie radebrechten ihr Capholländisch und liessen sich von den Fremalingen mit hollandischen und christlichen Namen nenmen. Daher hatte der Häupting seinen Namen Willem bekommen; aber an die Taufe dachte er nicht. Oonlam Häuplinge, mit denen er zusammen Schmeleas Predigt hörfe, hessen sich taufer, aber Willem Zwartbooi wollte in dem Stück bleiben, was er war... ${ }^{56}$

The latter statement is representative of the general tone of complaint about the people's language preferences in the letters and reports of the missionaries to their authorities (cf. Preller 1941). Heese, (s.j.:196) summarizes: "Die Rynse sendelinge het Schmelen se werk aan die [Nama] taal in Groot Namaland voortgesit ondanks heftige teenkanting van die irwoners wat daarop aangedring het om onderrig slegs in Hollands te ontvang." ${ }^{51}$ This attitude is illustrated in Preller 1941:36:

Die Duitse sendelinge in Suidwes het sowel die Nama as die Hercrotaal aangeleer, die Bybel daarin oorgesit en hulle het aangedring daarop om die kleingoed op die skole deur medium van hul eie taal te leer. Dáarteen het die Basters hulle met hand en tand verset. Op 'n stormagtige vergadering byv., in Bethanie het die hooman David Christiaan met klem en nadruk geroep:
"Hollands, en niks as Hollands nie! Ek verag myself en voel of ek in die bosse wil wegkruip as ek Hottentots praat!" [...] en dit was die kaptein se antwoord wat wet geword het in Bethanie. ${ }^{52}$

[^76]One other consequence was that the Oorlam dubbed whatever they could into Dutch: their own names, the names of the tribes, rivers, mountains and settlements. Fourie (1985:58) concludes that "Afrikaans het dus al teen 1869 sy beslag in Namibië geky en diegene wat met Oorlams te doen gehad het, sou sekerlik Afrikaans as 'n tweede taal moes aanleer." ${ }^{53}$ Also Schinz, visiting Namaland in the early 1880 s remarks that the Hottentots prefer to speak Hollands amongst each other ("die Eitelkeit veronlasst sie sogar, eine solche der eigenen Muttersprach vorzuziehen, und nicht selten kann man Zeuge sein, wie die Hottentotten unter einander ohne Grund auf holländisch unterhalten." (Schinz 1891:82). Thus, the preference of the population for Dutch is clear, however, exactly which other languages were spoken which could have been of influence on their Hollands, is very unclear. In the case of the Griqua, Rademeyer (1938:27) has claimed that in the beginning of the twentieth century the Griqua still spoke Hottentots besides Afrikaans. As far as the nineteenth-century Oorlams, to the west of the Griqua are concerned, from a conversation between Hahn and Jonker Afrikaner quoted in missionary Hahn's diary (written in German) on March 8, 1853 it seems that he and Jonker Afrikaner spoke Dutch, as Hahn clarifies the gist of Jonker's words in that conversation with a verbatim quotation in Dutch:

Jonker erwiderte darauf [...] er wolle eher sterben, eher vemichtet werden (dood gaan, gedaan raken) che er einen Missionar nehme. (Lau ed., 1984-1985:654). ${ }^{54}$

And, anno 1842, missionary Kleinschmidt in his Dagverhaal (quoted in Hahn's Tagebucher, Vol . 1) adds: "Jonker musste uns verstehen, da es langsam gelesen ward und jeder Satz in Namaquaisch ubersetzt ward, obwohl er selbst hollöndisch spricht" ${ }^{\text {s5 }}$ [emphasis added], (Lau ed., 1984-1985:180). Then again Jonker's wife, Beetje Afrikaner ${ }^{56}$ apparently spoke no Dutch at all. Hahn sighs that she once came to visit him in vain, as he did not have an interpreter present; that however, a few days later, he found a Griqua wagon driver to act as interpreter (diary entry on 4 January 1857, Lau

[^77]ed.,1984-1985:949). Jan Jonker's children in turn, must have been fluent in both languages as Kleinschmidt notes: "To my great surprise I found that his two daughters who used to stay at Rehoboth with their mother for long periods ... had practised several of our songs in Dutch and Nama with great part of the youth there" (anno 1862, quoted in Lau 1987:76, fn.7). And, Dedering (1997:60) quotes missionary Gorth stating in 1852 that "Even Amraal [Lambert] whose people all speak Nama is not yet familiar with that language" i.e. that he could only speak (Cape) Dutch. ${ }^{57}$ Although missionary Hahn goes as far as voicing the opinion that all languages south of the equator are very similar indeed, ${ }^{58}$ like many before him, he finds it very difficult to learn the indigenous language, which he calls Nama, whereas his wife ${ }^{59}$ refers to it as the Omuherero-language. Influence from other languages on Nama itself can neither be ruled out. ${ }^{60}$ Regardless of the question what exactly constitutes Nama, both as the epithet for the people as well as the language, it can be certain that various Khoesan languages (c.q. not only Nama), were of influence on the Hollands the people sought to master.

Concluding this section, not much more can be determined than that some form of the Dutch

[^78]language was in use amongst the Oorlam-Nama, which is indicated by the term 'Hollands', and that this language was of the highest esteem amongst the population. There is no suggestion in the nineteenth-century reports from Namaland that the Hollands of the Oorlam-Nama would have been significantly different from the same in the Cape peninsular areas. ${ }^{61}$ Examination of the written record however, does not confirm such homogeneity, leading to either one of two conclusions,

- that regional and/or social stratification, which might have featured in varieties of the nineteenth-century vernacular was unimportant,
- or, the Hollands, as featured in the corpus of this study was a generally accepted form of speech, despite all its differences with the written record from the KT.

The survey of both the anthropological and the linguistic data gives no decisive indication that there were prominent distinctions between the Oorlams in the northern territories and the corresponding communities in the Cape. It will be shown in the next section that Jan Jonker Afrikaner had the command over different registers, in a certain period bordering a near perfect Dutch, not unike the record from the KT. Therefore, as a working hypothesis the vernacular forms of language which are demonstrated in the corpus of this study are taken to represent a continuation of (at least one stratum of) the CDV. From historical details such as that a group of discontent frontier farmers called in the aid of the Frenchman Estienne Barbier to formulate their grievances on paper, and that only two out of the nine or ten men could write their name to the plakkaat - the rest made crosses (Penn 1995:110, 1999:115; cf. Pheiffer 1980:29), it is further concluded that illiteracy of a large part of the population is an important factor obscuring the written record in the KT. An element of caution must also be

[^79]raised with respect to our perception of the eighteenth-century Khoekhoe. The recorded observations are through the remarks made by visitors to the Cape (cf. Chapter Two, $\S 2.3$ ), characterized by Penn as "learned outsiders looking in" (1995:230):

> They reflect, no doubt, some of the colonial attitudes towards the K hoikhoi but are also shaped by the assumptions of the discourse of the Enilghtenment [...] whereas the colonists, especially those on the frontier [may have] had retained ideas about "the other" which had been prevalent in Europe since the middle ages.

Assuming that the Hollands of Jan Jonker Afrikaner had developed out of the CDV, certain discrepancies are left unexplained. As was touched upon in Chapter Two, the near absence of the double negation ${ }^{62}$ in the nineteenth-century ORA data is one such anomaly. In Chapter Four I will show that similar discrepancies can be pointed out in the area of the pronominal paradigm. As the initial survey of the variation in the oeuvre of Jan Jonker Afrikaner will show, the difference between an acrolectal ('high') variety and a basilectal ('low') variety is not solely based on sociolinguistic factors. It rather seems that Jan Jonker Afrikaner was bilingual in these varieties and could manipulate them at will. Before I turn to this, an evaluation of the diachronic source material is in place.

### 3.2.1 Oorlam-Nama correspondence

### 3.2.1.1 The corpus of letters in the Windhoek National Archives

In the case of the Oorlam-Nama letters it remains hard to determine which letters would be the work of scribes, except for those instances where the author signs with an $X$. Some formal education does not seem to have guaranteed the use of metropolitan Dutch, as illustrated in (1), a joint effort between a Nama-Khoekhoe leader Manase, the local schoolmaster (born in the Cape) and the magistrate.

[^80]Hoaxalnas 9 Maart 1880
Wel Edele Kapityn Mozes Wittboi ${ }^{63}$


[^81]15 mynen brieft

IK ben vriend
Manasa en
Schoolmeester Daniel Daus ${ }^{66}$
met hartelyk groetenissen
en
Magestraat Abraham IGalleib

From the use of wij for the first person plural, nominative Case we can infer that the metropolitan standard was their target. However, the subject is just as easily left out (in.4, in.7; indicated by the empty square brackets). Secondly, the choice of prepositions can hardly be characterized as either Dutch or Afrikaans. Besides this, note the un-Germanic word order in line 8, which cannot mean "we request that we listen to you". Thus, this word order, whereby the object precedes the subject is rather analyzed as an unmarked Nama pattern than a stylistic alternative. Rust (1965:57) exemplifies that Nama has two basic word orders (Grundformen der Wortfolge): ${ }^{67}$ Stellung $A$ (order-A) and Stelluing $B$ (order-B) as illustrated in (2).

## (2a) Stellung A

subject - (ge subj. ${ }^{68}$ ) - object - temporal particle - verb
subject - (ge subj.) - temporal particle - verb with object suffix
(b) Stellung B
object - subject suffix - (ge subj.) (subject) - temporal particle - verb
verb with object suffix - subject suffix - (ge subj.) (subject) - temporal particle

[^82]Accordingly $\ln .8$ in (1) can be analyzed as a standard Nama Stellung-B, relexified with Dutch vocabulary items (cf. Appendix I, section IA, In. 126, $\ln .129, \ln .367$ ) rendering the Dutch pronominal Case system to become opaque, c.q. accusative ons was seen realized in the Dutch canonical subject position. Further, the redundant use of the infinitival marker te (ln.2, In. 12) is ungrammatical in both Dutch and Standard Afrikans (cf. § 6.3.2). Other telling features are hypercorrective forms such as spiejond ln. 4 (Dutch: spioen, 'spy'), brieft, brieftie $\ln 11$, In. 15 (Dutch: brief, briefje, 'letter'), and weest finderen in In. 9 (Dutch: weeskinderen, 'orphans'). The un-Germanic use of the definite articles (ln.1, In.4, In.11) can be explained by the fact that NPs in Nama do not feature articles. Therefore, they are often absent or overdone, as for example in (3), where "in the this path", must be analyzed as a combination on a calque of Nama, on the ground that in Nama demonstratives follow the syntax of adjectives (Rust 1965:43), with the addition of the Dutch article het to reinforce the notion of definiteness.
(3) Ons reigoed is laam in het deze pad
Our riding-goods (horses?) are lame in the this path
(Jafta F. Booi, 18.11.(approx.)1868 - NA A237, Vol.II, (RMG II, p.39))

As argued earlier, in general we cannot know who the actual author of the letters in the corpus of Oorlam-Nama correspondence was, i.e. how representative a particular linguistic sample is for the speech community. However, amongst the letters in the NA corpora, there are forty-five letters written by the Afrikaner Oorlam leader Jan Jonker Afrikaner, over a period of nearly 20 years, ( 1863 till 1881 , plus one later letter from 1889, see § 3.2.1.2). In one of these letters Jan states explicitly that he writes his letters himself (4).

| (4) 1 | Zien mine gelief de oute leeraar ik |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | See my beloved - | old teacher I |  |  |
| 2 | is | in | uwe school gewes en | door uwe leer heb |
|  | have in your school been and by your teachinghave |  |  |  |
| 3 | ik | vandag | die brief zalf geschrifen |  |

A further lead that Jan wrote all his letters himself comes from a letter, dated 26 May 1877 , in which H. van Wijk (a Baster) quotes Jan Jonker functioning as a scribe for Kamaharero. It appears that the polite practice in those days was to identify oneself, if a letter was written in someone else's name.

In the Vedder collection there are a few such examples of translations for the English-speaking Cape officials. And one letter written by Piet Beukes on behalf of Jan Jonker begins: "Ih heb een opdrag van Kapitein J Africader om an U Edl dese Regelen te zenden en zyn nam..."69 In a letter, addressed to the Cape governor Sir Philip Wodehouse (dated 22.4 .1869 , letter $\mathrm{N}^{2}$. 13 , included here, Appendix I, section IA), Jan asks the governor explicitly to write in Dutch and he makes a request to the governor for Cape newspapers, but "my Heer moet zoo goedwesen heb ik altyt my Koorand krygen op hoolans gedrooken ben", (Sir, be so good, send me my newspaper, but printed in Dutch please). Nevertheless, forgery was also a practice. In that same letter Jan warns the governor to double check with him that all letters from Namaqualand, written in his name are genuine. Additionally it is known from the missionary reports to their authorities that the Nama insisted on Dutch, that some Oorlams did not even have a command of Nama. ${ }^{70}$ A linguistic argument for the supposition that Jan Jonker did not make use of a Dutch secretary or scribe comes from the pronominal paradigm third person plural (see Chapter Four) in which he frequently uses the form hen(n)e for nominative and accusative Case. The only attestation of the variant form henne I could find was as a possessive pronoun in the diary of Susanna Smit (1799-1883) but not in any other Case environments. Neither Scholtz (1963) nor Ponelis (1993) make mention of this form in Cape Dutch; only hun as an early contender of hulle is reported on. Jan Jonker's usage must thus be classified as an innovation of his own, as no Dutch aide would have thought of wording the personal pronoun in this form. Besides this, the number of strike-outs, additions over the line and corrections is significantly higher in the letters that represent the acrolectal style (Period II, see $\S 3.2 .1 .2$ ). Again this is not a characteristic of the secretarial transcriptions we know of.

To further establish the authenticity of the letters the independent graphologist S . Grandin, and an expert in paleography, dr. P. Verkruijsse of the University of Amsterdam were consulted. Five specimens from the various periods, each of which included Jan Jonker's signature, were submitted to these experts; they are included in Appendix I, section IV. Under the provision that only photocopies of the originals could be examined, both experts reached the conclusion that the sample pages from the various periods were written by one and the same author. It was further noticed that

[^83]in the specimens $D$ and $E$ the author had used a better pen and/or ink as the letter-type of the handwriting appears less broad (vet 'fat') and more regular.

Arguments in favor of the conclusion that this was the work of one and the same author include the fact that in all specimina certain letters are outstanding. In particular, the form of the letter $k$ is strikingly idiosyncratic in relative size, even in the middle of a word as, for example, in the signature Afrikconer. It is further noted that some of the letters appear in two distinct forms, which argues against the hypothesis that this would be the work of a scribe or secretary, as it is highly unlikely that a professional writer would employ two different forms for one letter. For example, the letter $z$ in all specimina is realized in two forms: one written on the line, and one which lowers to beneath the line. Given the linguistic, historical and psychological details as discussed in §3.2.1.2 the conclusion that the letters are the penmanship from a single author is only strengthened in the opinion of the experts in handwriting.

As far as the content of the letters is concerned, they rarely can be classified as 'non-official', or as family correspondence. Unlike certain corpora from the Cape peninsula which include intimate love letters, condolence letters and affectionate notes between friends, ${ }^{71}$ the letters in the Namibian corpus are chiefly of a business-like content. The subject matters are primarily political topics although some letters express concerned enquiries and advice, others contain pleas for help and support. Despite the formal character, the tone of most letters can be characterized as similar to the spoken language, ${ }^{72}$ except in Period II (see § 3.2.1.2).

This detail indicates that although people could read and write, they only engaged in correspondence for business matters. Presumably both paper and ink were scarce and expensive commodities (cf. Jan Jonker's request in letter №. 17, Appendix I, section IB, ln.225). To my knowledge there are no letters from Jan Jonker Afrikaner prior to 1863, the year he became chief of the Oorlam Afrikaners. In the first years a gradual development in his writing abilities can be noticed, but overall the letters

[^84]in the first 17 years of his oeuvre are consistent. Thereafter two pivotal changes can be identified, which is the topic of the next section.

### 3.2.1.2 The Jan Jonker Afrikaner letters: periodical division

The particular point I want to discuss in this section concerns the variation found through time in Jan Jonker's letters. Table (5) is an analysis of Jan Jonker's use of first person plural pronouns (1PL) in comparison to Dutch and Standard Afrikaans. On the assumption that the use of the form ons for IPL, nominative Case indicates that he writes in a basilectal variant ${ }^{73}$ and that the form $w i j$ signals the metropolitan standard as the target, it becomes clear that his usage of this particular variable divides the correspondence into three periods. This periodical division is corroborated by further syntactic patterns such as the use of articles, diminutives, relative clause formation, the use of tenses, subordinate clause structure, and, the number of corrections and hypercorrections in the acrolectal period. In the first period, from 1863 till 1870 he prefers the form ons. In Period II (ca. 1870-1875), wij becomes the predominant form, but after 1875-1877 he abandons it again and uses only ons.

[^85](5)

FIRST PERSON PLURAR ${ }^{74}$

| Dutch <br> Afrikaans | NOM wij | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NOM } \\ & - \\ & \text { ons } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{ACC} \\ & \text { ons } \\ & \text { ons } \end{aligned}$ | $A C C$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{OBL} \\ & \text { ons } \\ & \text { ons } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | OBL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { POSS } \\ & \text { ons/onze } \\ & \text { ons } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { POSS } \\ & - \\ & \text { ons se } \\ & \text { scollomiall } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wı | ONS | ONs | Other | ONS | other | Onze/onse | ONS ZIN/(ONSEN) |
| 1 1863-1870 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-12 | $5^{75}$ | 16 | 2 | onsen 1x | 9 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll} \left.\begin{array}{ll} \text { onst } & 1 x \\ \text { onsen } & 3 x \end{array} \right\rvert\, \end{array}\right.$ |  | $\frac{17}{\text { onsing } 1 x}$ |
| $13^{76}$ |  | 4 | 1 |  | 3 | onse 1x |  |  |
| 14-28 | 3 | 13 | 1 |  | 4 |  |  | 3. |
| 11 1871-1875 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29-37 | 16 | 7 | 2 |  | 9 |  | $2^{77}$ | 7 |
| $11118187-1881$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38-45 |  | 23 | 9 |  | 8 |  |  | 12 |

Before addressing the questions this raises, first a brief overview of the historical events with reference to the details presented in \$3.1. Jan Jonker's letters cover the two decades from the 1860 s until the 1880s, roughly speaking between missionary Hahn's Tagehücher (Lau ed.,1984-1985), which run from 1836 until 1860. Andersson's diary (1860-1864), and Hendrik Witbooi's Diary which starts in 1884. After Jan Jonker's father, Jonker Afrikaner, had died of an infection in 1861, the

[^86]leadership of the Afrikaner group was taken over by Jan Jonker's older brother Christian. At that time the battle for power, the mandate over the trade routes and grazing rights already ran high. The other prominent figures at this time in Namaland were missionary Carl Hugo Hahn and the traders Charles John Andersson and Frederick Thomas Green, (cf. $\S 3.1 .3$ ). In June 1863 a war broke out between these parties and Christian Afrikaner was killed in the Battle of Otimbingwe, also called Die Eerste Oorlog (The First War). At this point in time Jan Jonker's correspondence starts.

From the listing of the letters, including the date, place and addressee in (6) it is clear that a difference in register does not depend on style with respect to the addressee. No division can be warranted claiming that a formal style versus a colloquial register would be a discerning factor, except for the letter № 13, addressed to Governor Wodehouse.
(6)

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { LETTER } \\ & \text { №. } \end{aligned}$ | Date | Place | Addressee | Source (PAGE №.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PERIOD ${ }^{78}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 9.7.1863 | Windhoek | Willem Swartbooij | $\mathrm{AP}(261)^{79}$ |
| 2 | 5.8 .1863 | Windhoek | Jacobus Booijs | AP (264) |
| 3 | 25.9.1863 | Windhoek | Missionary Kleinschmidt | AP (268) |
| 4 | 25.9.1863 | Windhoek | Missionary Weber | AP (269) |
| 5 | 29.10.1863 | Windhoek | Missionary Vollmer | AP (272) |
| 6 | n.d. | Dabes | Mr. Breker (Brincker?) | RMGI (22) ${ }^{80}$ |
| 7 | 8.9.1866 | Kubakop | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (24-26) |
| 8 | 3.11 .1866 | Kubakop | Willem Swartbooi | RMGI (27-28) |
| 9 | 3.11 .1866 | Kubakop | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (29-30) |
| 10 | 11.1.1867 | Zaogab | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (31-33) |
| 11 | 2.10 .1867 | Zaogab | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (34-35) |
| 12 | 27.9.1868 | -- | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (36-37) |

[^87]| $\begin{aligned} & \text { LETTER } \\ & \mathrm{N}^{\circ} \end{aligned}$ | Dates | Place | Addrissme: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 22.4 .1869 | Kobus | Gov. Wodehouse | $\mathrm{CA}^{81} \mathrm{GH} 19 / 10$ |
| 14 | 17.5 | Kobus | Missionary Hahn | $\operatorname{RMGI}(38-40)$ |
| 15 | n.d. | - | loose page | $\mathrm{RMGI}(36-37)$ |
| 16 | 10.6.1869 | Kobus | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (42-45) |
| 17 | 21.7.1869 | Naposib | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (46-49) |
| 18 | 18.8.1869 | - | Missionary Hahn | RMGl (50-53) |
| 19 | 9.9.1869 | Remhoogte | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (54-56) |
| 20 | 30.10.1869 | Oeas | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (57-60) |
| 21 | 27.11.1869 | Oeas | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (61-64) |
| 22 | 19.12.1869 | Zoreseb | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (67-68) |
| 23 | 5.1 .1870 | Zoreseb | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (71-74) |
| 24 | 18.2.1870 | Zoreseb | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (75-77) |
| 25 | 8.4.1870 | Zoreseb | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (78-80) |
| 26 | 18.7.1870 | Aries | Missionary Hahn | RMGI (85-87) |
| 27 | 8.10 .1870 | Aries | Missionary Hahn | RMGII (1-2) |
| 28 | 6.121870 | Aries | Missionary Hahn | RMGII (3-4) |


| 29 | 19.4 .1871 | Windhoek |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 30 | 18.8 .1871 | Windhoek |
| 31 | 26.2 .1871 | Windhoek |
| 32 | 28.2 .1872 | Windhoek |
| 33 | 15.4 .1872 | Windhoek |
| 34 | 17.5 .1872 | Windhoek |
| 35 | 3.1 .1874 | Windhoek |

PERIOD II $^{* 2}$

| Captain Kamaharero | Vedder (2) ${ }^{83}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Captain - | Vedder (3) |
| Missionary Hahn | RMGII $(5-7)$ |
| Sir - | RMGI $(8-10)$ |
| Sir - | RMGII $(11-12)$ |
| Captain - | Vedder (4) |
| Captain Kamaharero | Vedder (7) |

${ }^{\text {s }}$ Cape Archives.
${ }^{22}$ Letters 29 and 30 show a transitional stage from the basilecial to the acrolectal register. In subsequent chapters, where significmt, a subdivision is made excluding these two ino Period IIA (letiers 29-37) and Pcriod IIB ( (liters $31-37$ )
${ }^{83}$ Maharero Collection (NA A003). The numbering in brackets refers to the numbering of the letters as provided by dr. Vedder in his index to this corpus.

| Letter <br> №. | Date | Place | Addressee | Source (page №.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 36 | 25.1.1875 | Windhoek | Captain Kamaharero | Vedder (9) |
| 37 | 15.2.1875 | Windhoek | Captain - | Vedder (10) |
| PERIOD IIT |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | 1.12.1877 | Windhoek | Jacobus Izaak | Vedder (22) |
| 39 | 13.1.1880 | Windhoek | Piet Beukes | Vedder (37) |
| 40 | 18.5.1880 | Windhoek | Captain Kamaharero | Vedder (42) -ms ${ }^{\text {84 }}$ |
| 41 | 3.12 .1880 | Otjizeva | Chief Kamharero | Vedder (47) |
| 42 | 31.1 .1881 | Tsebris | Missionary Eich | Vedder (50)-ms |
| 43 | 26.3.1881 | Tsebris | Kamaharero \& Tjinake | Vedder (52) |
| 44 | 12.8.1881 | Rodebank | Piet Beukes | Vedder (58) |
| 45 | 20.3.1889 | Hau-xas | Hendrik Witbooi | Witbooi Papers ${ }^{85}$ |

Sketched historically, in the 28 letters from 1863 until 1870, Jan Jonker mostly argues and pleads with missionary Hahn to stop interfering in the internal politics and to help him make arrangements to attain a peace with his first and foremost enemy, Kamaharero, the paramount chief of the Beesdamaras. In June and September 1870 this peace is achieved and then Jan Jonker's letters show a fundamental change in grammar and style.

This change would be easily explained assuming that after the peace, Jan Jonker settled down, (which he did, on his father's old plazs Windhoek). As can be read from the listing in (6) the only constant factor in Period II is that all the letters were written from Windhoek. One can argue that he engaged a teacher, secretary or a missionary and led a peaceful life, in which he could devote himself to his correspondence etc., with as a result a great improvement in his linguistic competence of the target language: Standard Dutch.

[^88]To explain the change from Period II to Period III is more demanding. Why did Jan Jonker, half a decade later, between the beginning of 1875 and the end of 1877 , return to a basilectal variety? Why did he, so to speak 'relapse', throw all his knowledge of 'good Dutch' overboard and fall back on the 'lower' standard? As shown in the table in (5) he discontinues the use of the metropolitan Dutch form for the first person plural, nominative form (wij), in favour of the Afrikaans form ons. On the assumption that Jan Jonker suffered no mental disabilities and that he was perfectly aware of what he was doing this can only be explained in terms of a switching of register for social or perhaps political reasons. That argument will still stand even if he had been making use of scribes for those five years: for some reason or other the metropolitan register ceased to be en vogue.

Historically the available details fail to coincide. Vedder (1938 [1966]:407) mentions that after the peace treaties were signed (in May 1870, and again in September 1870), Jan Jonker settled in Windhoek, applied for a missionary and engaged a trader. The latter fact is true, in letter №. 29, dd. 19.4.1871 (see Appendix I, section II), addressed to Kamaharero, Jan Jonker mentions considering hiring a trader by the name of Babie. Explicit reference to a missionary (to be) stationed in Windhoek is absent from the present corpus. But the second peace treaty (September 1870) includes the condition that the Afrikaners had to hire a missionary as well.
[Arikel] 3. Dat de Hererohoofden aan Kapitein Jan Jonker Afrikaner de plaats Windhoek op leen geven. dat hy en zyn volk daar op met eenen Leeraar van het Rhynsche genootschap zou wonen. ${ }^{\text {n }}$ [cmphasis in the original] (RMG II, p.56)

Vedder further mentions that missionary Johann Schröder was sent to Windhoek. However, there is only mention of missionary Schröder Sur.'s career or work in the literature. ${ }^{87}$ Despite that, I managed

[^89]to confirm that there was a missionary Schröder in Windhoek from 1871 till 1880, and, in letter $N^{\circ}$ 28, Jan Jonker makes a vague remark about a letter from Schröder which he is forwarding to Hahn. Yet, again the dates do not coincide with the difference in style, which started between 1875 and 1877. If missionary Schröder Jr. stayed in close contact with Jan Jonker until 1880, the observed change in style and register should only have occurred at that date. Note from the dating of the letters in (6) that between 1871 and 1880, Jan Jonker wrote all his letters from Windhoek. Another historical fact is that missionary Hahn left the service of the RMG in 1873. ${ }^{88}$ Again this does not coincide with the changes in Jan Jonker's register, which continue in a discernable acrolectal style until 1875-1877. Thus, perhaps J.G. Schröder, although stationed in Windhock, did not keep in close contact with the Afrikaner leader? The presence or absence of missionary Hahn in Namaland does not have seemed to have affected Jan Jonker's register either. Clearly this issue calls for further historical investigation, and hopefully missionary Schröder Jr.'s diary and letters might provide a better insight in his role in these events.

A similar change of vernacular, style or register has been noted before. Roberge (1994a:153-165) reports on two official letters from Trichardt (1783-1838) written in 1823 and 1827 in a remarkably different form of Hollands than his diary (1836-1838). This change in register however could be due

[^90]to a difference in style, with respect to the addressee, i.e. an official style versus the diary style. ${ }^{89}$ Paul Roberge (p.c.) does not exclude the possibility that Trichardt may have called in the help from his private schoolmaster, Mr. Peffer, to write his official letters. Alternatively it may have been significant that the difference in style occurs because Trichardt kept the diary during the family's hazardous trek from the Cape to Lourenço Marques (present-day Maputo in Mozambique). Again, in the case of Jan Jonker the argument of a permanent domicile vs. a migrant life style does not coincide with the date that he abandons his 'good' Dutch.

In the correspondence from Adam Kok III, a Griqua-leader in the nineteenth century, similar facts can be documented. From him there are three letters in Dutch, of which two are in an acrolectal variant and one in a basilectal variant within the space of three months (in 1850). These letters are all addressed to one and the same person: the director of the London Missionary Society, Mr. J.J. Freeman, and thus, these letters cannot be dissimilar due to stylistic differences. However, in the case of the northern Cape Griquas it is uncertain to which extent scribes must have been used, as most of the LMS correspondence is in English, ${ }^{90}$ and most certainly the work of scribes.

Without further historical documentation the explanation of the changes in the correspondence of Jan Jonker Afrikaner must be that he, at that time, had both the command and the use of different registers, which he could manipulate at will. This demonstrates that, if the situation resembled anything near a continuum of lects (see $\S 2.3$ ), this conception must be divorced from the idea of basilectal variety in the mouth of the lower classes of the population, and a metropolitan form of Dutch, predominately in use by the colonizer or elite groups of the society.

[^91]The question why he makes this abrupt change at a certain point in time is most likely to find an answer in a political motivation. ${ }^{91}$ From the contents of the letters in the corpus it becomes clear that around 1875 Jan Jonker grew weary of all the "invaders", both missionary and trader as well as farmer, into Namaland. Despite the fact that it is beyond the scope of the present study to explore the political and historical details further, as far as the history of the Afrikaans language is concerned it may have been significant that the change from Period II to Period III also coincides with the beginning of the standardization movement in the Cape (from around 1870 onwards). Although this can only be a speculation, it could have been that, as in the case of Negerhollands, where the slaves only started to write in the creole after Count Zinzendorf's letter in the vernacular (Stein 1989; see § 2.3, p.42), the Patriot movement gave the go-ahead to abandon the Dutch metropolitan standard, (cf. Van Niekerk 1920). Assuming that governor Wodehouse granted Jan Jonker his request for sending him his newspapers, written in Dutch, (see letter $N^{2} .13$ ), this could have been a decisive factor that informed him of the (politically motivated) differentiation. For Afrikaans, this also means that up until this point in time people attempted to write something different from their spoken language. Moreover, one who learned to read and write, ${ }^{92}$ until then, was automatically exposed to the metropolitan Dutch orthographical standard (cf. Carstens 1982:38). Despite the fact that prior to this date there were a few texts published in the vernacular, ${ }^{93}$ including the fact that book ownership (also the Bible), was rare (Biewenga 1996, 1999:165-174), only a small part of the population could have had access to the former. This means, that a large part of our documentation would rather be representative for the

[^92]standard of schooling of the author than for developmental factors in the formation of Afrikaans (cf. Smith 1952:21).

### 3.3 Evaluation of the nineteenth-century Oorlam-Nama sources

The question arises how representative Jan Jonker's speech is for the whole of the Namaland community. Other letters in the corpora that could be consulted in the Namibian archives from Jan Jonker's contemporaries are written by people of a comparable status: chiefs of influence on the Namaland politics (cf. Hahn 1837-1860, Vedder 1938, Lau ed., 1989, Nienaber 1989, Dedering 1997 on the similarities between the various Oorlam-Nama polities). As noted before, also the content of the letters is of a similar, business-like nature. However, in these cases the authorship of the letters is very difficult to establish. From the letters that are annotated or signed with "zyn teken" (his sign(ature)) as a cross it is clear that some people had to resort to the services of scribes. To come to definite conclusions, it would require a detailed study of all the nineteenth-century materials, which clearly lies beyond the boundaries of the present study. However, some tentative comparison on limited issues which point to similarities, is included in the discussion.

Letters dated from Namaland by Jan Jonker's colleagues and other indigenous contemporary authors can be subdivided along similar lines as Jan Jonker's own differences in register over time. An analysis of, for example the pronominal paradigm first person singular of the letters in the Vedder collection shows a classification ${ }^{24}$ in an acrolectal Dutch register (NOM:ik, ACC:mij, POSS:mijn), by for

[^93]example Hermanus van Wyk ${ }^{95}$ (attested in eleven letters) and Andreas Lambert ${ }^{96}$ (two letters), and a Cape Dutch paradigm, with one form for all non-nominative environments (see Chapter Four for details) by Paul Goliath" (one letter), and Paul Visser ${ }^{98}$ (one letter, signed "Veld Cornet, Paul Veschter"). Furthermore there are three letters in this collection by Moses Witbooi"9 which fit both classifications: in two letters he uses mijn in all non-nominative Case relations; in one letter the correct Dutch paradigm is consistent. It can be assumed that Moses Witbooi, the father of Hendrik Witbooi (author of the Witbooi Papers (Voigts ed., 1929)), was not illiterate, but, as I am not in a position to compare the handwriting of these manuscripts, no further generalizations can be made.

In Chapter Six further comparative details concerning the Verb Phrase in the grammar of Jan Jonker's compatriots will be brought up. From these probes as, for example, the use of the infinitival marker om...te in sentential complement clauses (see § 6.3.3), it does not emerge that Jan Jonker's lect represents entirely isolated idiosyncracies.

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## 4 The Pronominal Paradigm in the Grammar of Jan Jonker Afrikaner

As it emerged from the characterization of the first person plural in the correspondence of Jan Jonker as discussed in Chapter Three ( $\$ 3.2 .1 .2$ ), the pronominal paradigm reveals distinctive properties of his grammar. On close examination a strict and consistent pattern can be discerned, dividing the letters in three periods as argued for in Chapter Three. This will be further substantiated in the present chapter. Idiosyncratic innovations show that the paradigm also differs in certain respects from the Cape Dutch sources.

### 4.1 Pronominal forms in Cape Dutch

From the quantificational analysis that illustrates the use of the first person singular non-nominative pronouns in diachronic data presented in Ponelis (1993:206, 227) it becomes clear how little the nineteenth-century documents reveal about the competition between mij (Dutch: objective pronoun) and mijn (Dutch: possessive pronoun). Yet the outcome in modern Afrikaans is one form ( $m y$ ) in all these environments. ${ }^{1}$ From the diachronic record it emerges that the preferences appear to be completely random between the two forms, with some authors scoring $100 \% \mathrm{mij}$ as the objective pronoun, others favoring the Dutch possessive form to the same extent in this environment (cf. Ponelis 1993:205). The inconclusiveness of the data was first brought forward by Scholtz (e.g., 1963:91) who discusses a vast variety of personal and possessive pronouns in use at the end of the seventeenth century in the Cape Colony. From the data in the KT (Van Oordt n.d.) Scholtz observes that two forms, mij and mijn, were used both as a possessive pronoun and as a personal pronoun in object function (in accusative as well as oblique Case positions). He claims that mijn was still attested in the speech of elderly speakers in the beginning of the twentieth century, but only as an objective personal pronoun (see also Ponelis 1993:206). Scholtz therefore concludes that mijn as a possessive pronoun disappeared before mign as a personal pronoun, and that the process of leveling the forms

[^95]to mij started with the possessive pronoun. A synoptic investigation of the KT texts from 1750 ([1712]) until $1831^{2}$ discloses a different organization than the one proposed by Scholtz. In general we can discern authors who use mijn for all non-nominative Case environments (accusative Case, oblique Case and in possessive constructions), from those who use $m i j$ in all these environments. ${ }^{4}$ As noted by Ponelis (1993: 206) authors who use mijn for all non-nominative Case positions outnumber those who prefer $m i j$ (in number in the surveyed KT material 285 vs. 4). Besides these, some authors follow the correct Dutch usage (mij for accusative and oblique Case, mijn as the possessive pronoun, 1S). In number, in the KT material there are 17 such texts (out of a grand total of 318 notes and letters surveyed). The number of authors who randomly used mij and mijn for the different Case distinctions, as the suggested practice was according to Scholtz (ibid), is limited to seven texts. A number of writers deviate in one single instance from 'their' system' (in 20 letters).

The fact that completely random usage is this low ( $2.2 \%$ ), is intuitively the expected scenario for an unstable system where the spoken language may have differed largely from the orthographical example. Because of the indeterminacy about the distinctions represented by the different forms, perhaps under the impression that a 'longer' form was the more correct written representation, (parallel to the paradigm of verbal inflection), the high percentage of mijn for non-nominative ${ }^{6}$ pronouns, first person singular is straightforward. A quantification of the deviation that is found in the letters of authors who are characterized by the predominant usage of mijn as the non-nominative personal pronoun and possessive pronoun, in percentages, is $14.98 \%$ mij instead of mijn for accusative/oblique Case, and $3.95 \%$ in possessive constructions.

[^96](1) MIf as a personal and possessive pronoun. first person singular

|  | personal pronouns (non-nominative) | possessive pronouns |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 'mijh-authors' in the $\mathbb{K} \mathbb{T}$ | $14.98 \%$ | $3.95 \%$ |

From (1) it must be concluded that the present-day Standard Afrikaans form (my) took the lead in the syncretism of the metropolitan formal differentiation of the pronominal forms in non-nominative environments of the personal pronouns, and not in possessive constructions as concluded by Scholtz (1963:102). The motivation for a differentiation between the two forms is most likely to be found in orthographic conventions: mijn was used as a 'scribal stereotype' according to Ponelis 1993:206, and Scholtz also questions the data (tog moet mp in die spreektaal gewoner gewees het as wat die geskrifte laat blyk." op.cit: 102). As will be further discussed in the next section the KT data stands in sharp contrast to regularities that are found in the paradigm used by Jan Jonker Afrikaner. For example, in the paradigm of first person plural pronouns in the Jan Jonker corpus (see Chapter Three, $\$ 3.2 .1 .2$, table (5)), idiosyncracies in form single out the possessive pronouns from the nonnominative personal pronouns. Excluding the acrolectal period (Period II), the innovative possessive pronominal compound first person plural (ons zijn) scores at $100 \%$; including Period II the percentage does not fall below $95 \%$ novel forms. This trend, to reserve a specific form for the possessive pronoun is corroborated by the other paradigms for both the singular and plural forms in this corpus, as will be examined in the next sections.
4.2 The variation in the pronominal paradigm of Jan Jonker Afrikaner

### 4.2.1 The paradigm of singular pronouns

From the data in the KT is transpires that the written standard in the Cape Colony was minn for nonnominative first person singular pronouns. Turning to the realization of these pronominal forms by Jan Jonker Afrikaner in (2), we see that Case differentiation is still partly observed; the division in three periods as sketched in Chapter Three is again quite clear.

## (2) First person singular pronouns, Jan Jonker Afrikaner

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { 1 singular } & \text { NOM } & \text { ACC } & \text { ACC } & \text { ACC } \\ \text { OBL }\end{array}\right)$

From the totals of the respective forms in the basilectal stages (Period I and III), added together in the bottom row of the table, the high percentage of $m i j$, the Standard Afrikaans form for the possessive pronoun, in contrast to Standard Dutch mijn, and, unlike the division in the KT material, is striking. In number 126 times mij versus 10 times mijn. Excluding the instances of mijne( $n$ ) this

[^97]amounts to $7 \%$ correct Dutch forms. Including these Case-inflected forms this percentage rises to $11 \%$, but remains to stand in sharp contrast with the KT material, where the appropriate Dutch form is used in $96.05 \%$ of the possessive constructions. A minimal conclusion from these figures must be that neither the written Cape colonial language nor the Dutch metropolitan model stood as the example on which Jan Jonker's paradigm was based. We will return to this presently. Secondly, the Dutch nominative form $i k$ (Standard Afrikaans $e k$, but regionally also pronounced $i k$ ) is likewise, almost perfectly regular. Highly irregular, however, is the first person singular accusative/ dative/oblique Case distinction, where $m i j$ and mijn seem to alternate at random. Accusative and oblique Case occurrences counted together for the Periods I and III, add up to 81 times mij and 79 times mijn practically an arbitrary choice. This is rather unexpected and, again in sharp contrast with the KT data, where the division between mijn and $m i j$ amounts to $74.2 \% \mathrm{mijn}$ in accusative/oblique environments in the total of the data. Excluding the random usage and correct Dutch speakers, the occurrence of $m i j n$ in this environment rises to $85 \%$. As in the case of the possessive pronouns, these figures do not make it plausible that Jan Jonker based his usage on the Dutch norm. Neither is the paradigm comparable to the written record of Cape Dutch.

On the presumption that a language learner, who is unfamiliar with a particular paradigm, as in a Second Language Acquisition situation, or, in the development of a grammar from a pidgin where there is null-morphology (see Chapter Two, $\S 2.2$, on the prototypical characteristics of $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{Cs}$ ), the prediction is that the learner starts out with one form for all the different Case environments. Thereafter differentiation starts taking place as the learner gets familiar with the rules, c.q. innovations occur to disambiguate clause structure (cf. Mühlhäusler 1986:158,233 and the 'development' of 3PL forms Jan Jonker uses, infra). The paradigm first person singular of Jan Jonker as quantified in (2) does not correspond to this scenario.

I briefly make note of the fact that in Period II, when Jan Jonker writes in a far more acrolectal register, he favors the correct Dutch form mij for the accusative/oblique Case distinction, although $m i j n$ is not absent. For the possessive pronouns he similarly shows a higher percentage of mijn, the correct Dutch possessive pronoun, in Period II. Notwithstanding, the question rises how to explain his single-minded use of one specific form for possessive pronouns and the apparent random variation in accusative/dative/oblique Case environments in his basilectal register (Period I and III).

Rust (1965:24 \& 69) claims that it is inappropriate to make the dative/accusative distinction for Nama, which could account for the fact that such an opposition is absent from Jan Jonker's Hollands. At the same time this makes it all the more inexplicable on which ground Jan uses different forms in these environments. In (3) minimal pairs of sentences are listed from which it becomes clear that it is difficult to detect any syntactic or semantic contrast associated with either form mij or mijn, in terms of the accusative/dative Case distinction. In (3a,b) there is the minimal pair "...send mijn an answer hastily" vs. "you must send mij an answer hastily", (3c,d) ".. that the Damaras not fear mijn" vs. "your Damaras need not fear mij". And in (3e,f) "tell mijn ..." vs. "tell mij" contrast.
(3a) zoo moet <ou> Vader milin has dig drou antwoor stuuren...
IA, In. 245
so must old father my hastily return ${ }^{8}$ answer send...
(b) Zoo moet mijn Heer Vollmer hasdelijk antwoort mij stuuren, zoo verzoek... IA, in. 140 so must my mr. Vollmer hastily answer me send, so request...
(c) daarom kom ik nar uwe blaads om de handelen zoo moet mijn Heer Damras IA, ln. 152 therfore comel to your place for to trade so must my mr. Damaras

| ook latweten | lat | Damras niet ming vreesen |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| also | let.know | that |

(d) Hoeft uwe <ol.Damras> niet mij vreesen IA, In. 159
[XP] need your Damaras not me fear
(e) verdel mijn waner zal ik naar uwe blads

IA. $\ln 223$
tell my when will I to your place
doe oorlog maak of zal ik mensch uit gestuur ...
to war make or shall I people out sent [PRF]..
(f) verder vrag ik $u$ <ol $u$ > is leeraar warom kom niet $u$ naar mij weerf IA ln. 268 further ask I you you is teacher why come not you to my werf doe of zal $u$ mijn vrees. Verdel mij
to or will you my fear tell me

From the examples ( $3 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ) one could presume that a difference in word order (dative-accusative vs. accusative-dative), by so-called scrambling of the objects (see Chapter Five, § 5.1.2), may account for the form that is used. The pairs in (4) show that this is not the case:

[^98]| (4a) | gij zil niet wederom You will not again | vrede brief peace letter | ming my | schrijfen <br> write | 1A, in. 331 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | $z 00$ moet <ou>Vader miin hasdig <br> So must old father my hastily | drou antwoor return answer |  | stuuren send | ( $=3 \mathrm{a}$ ) |
| (c) | dan moed u hasdig then must you hastily | antwoord answer | $\frac{\mathrm{mij}}{\mathrm{me}}$ | schrijven write | IB, in. 50 |
| (d) | door water rede hief hy mil by which for reason has he me | zooen boschap <br> such.a message |  | gestuurt heeft <br> sent has | IB, $\ln 6$ |

In terms of feature specifications of the Case system (Lumsden 1987, 1998), the form mijn seems to be specified for an accusative environment in the nominal phrase. Consider the examples in (5), which illustrate the nominative form $i k$ in non-nominative environments in the present corpus.
(5a) Wat zoek u deschen $\underline{i k}$ en Damras
IA, $\ln .231$
What seek you between 1 and Damaras
(b) Verder heb ik ook gehoort Engelsman zijn oorlog [schip] is ingekom op Balves Baai Further have I also heard Englishmen his war (ship) is arrived on Walvis Bay en $[=0 \mathrm{~m}]$ ik, Barnabas en my schon Vader jacobus booi de schieden. IA, in. 463 and (for) 1 Barnabas and my father-in-law Jabobus Booi to shoot
(c) of zul gy een dag of jaar zien die twee Kapiteins op stan en hier naa doe kom or will you one day or year see the two captains rise and here to to come en vrede sprek deschen ik en Damra:

IB, $\ln .118$
and peace talk between I and Damaras
(d) [de mensen die] naar [-doe] pokeberg doe [zijn,] dat is niet mij menschen dat is [the people who] to to Bokberg to [are], that is not my people that is Barnafeas zijn mensch maar hij is weggegaan zonder weet van zyne Kapitein en Barnabas his people but he is left without know of his captain and Barnabas en ik dan moed gy niet zeleke rondlopers gelooven. $\quad \mathrm{BB}, \ln 312$ Barnabas and 1. Then must you not such walkabouts believe.
(e) dat zal ragkom deschen $\underline{i k}$ en $u$ dat is de wens van mijn lieve Heer IB, $\ln 347$ it will right.come between I and you that is the wish of my dear Sir

These examples all involve a conjunction phrase ${ }^{9}$ in which (one way or another) the pronominal form is outside the direct domain of 'Case assignment'. Following Lumsden (1987:128) a dialectal difference in English as in (6) can be accounted for in terms of a difference in the default setting for a particular syntactic environment.
(6a) John and I worked hard
I, being a secretary...
(b) John and me dined in London

Me, being a linguist...

Dialect A in the English examples in (6) would have a particular rule assigning nominative Case (= [-accusative]) to arguments in subject position ( $=$ in [ + Tense] environments), while dialect B has a specific rule that assigns accusative Case ( $=[+$ accusative $]$ ) to arguments in the verb phrase and preposition phrases ( $=$ in $[-\mathrm{N}]$ environments). These rules are mirror images of each other and predict exactly the same results, except in the situation where an NP is outside the direct domain of Case assignment. In that case the unmarked ${ }^{10}$ form tends to appear.

[^99](7a) Dialect A.
[]$\rightarrow[$ +accusative $] /[+$ Tense $]$
[]$\rightarrow$ [-accusative]
(b) Dialect B
[]$\rightarrow[$-accusative $] /[[-N]]$
[ ] $\rightarrow$ [+accusative]

Thus in dialect-B a nominative pronoun is the specified form, consequently an accusative pronoun appears "elsewhere", in undefined syntactic environments, whereas in dialect-A a nominative form will appear in such cases. Likewise, in Jan Jonker's Hollands the nominative ([-accusative]) form $i k$ can be classified as the ummarked ('elsewhere') form, featuring in oblique Case environments, as shown in the examples in (5). Colloquial English likewise allows for (8) and similar constructions exist in other languages. ${ }^{11}$
(8) There is a war between the Damaras and I

Note that this alternation or equivalents in Afrikaans and Dutch (or its dialects) give ungrammatical results. As predicted, in coordinations in subject position in Jan Jonker's letters, the first person pronoun appears in the unspecified form, the nominative form. ${ }^{12}$
(9a) dat is de rede ik en Damras vandag stan stryden
IB. 1 n .142
that is the reason I and Damaras today stand batuc
(a) ...danzal ik en u vaste vrede mak III. In. 173
....then will I and you sleady peace make

[^100]It has been pointed out in the literature that the form mijn was the standard seventeenth-century Dutch pronoun in accusative/oblique Case environments (Scholtz 1963:102), i.e. that therefore the continuation into eighteenth/nineteenth century Afrikaans idiolects is not quite unexpected. It could be thought that the form mijn was predominantly a written form, that those who sought to write thought it the better choice, perhaps because it was the longer form, in an hypercorrective mode of judgement. In this light Jan Jonker's arbitrary usage of mij, the regular accusative-oblique form in Dutch, as the almost exclusively possessive pronoun, is all the more unexpected. ${ }^{13}$ In view of the material from the KT this distinctive preference for $m i j$ in possessive constructions is equally unexplained. Before I address this issue in detail (in §4.2.3), in the next section, a survey is presented of the second and third person personal pronouns in the singular (henceforth: $2 \mathrm{~S}, 3 \mathrm{~S}$ ).

As shown in (11) p. 117 for the second person singular personal pronoun Jan Jonker uses both the colloquial, or southern Dutch form $g i j$ and the formal variant $u .{ }^{14}$ For the possessive pronoun he uses practically only the formal Dutch possessive pronoun uwe (contemporary Dutch: uw, Afrikaans $u$ ). The present- day Standard Afrikaans formjy (nominative Case) or jou (accusative, oblique Case and possessive pronoun; Dutch $j i j^{15}$ (nominative Case), jou (accusative, oblique Case) and jorw (possessive pronoun)), is not attested in the Jan Jonker corpus. Scholtz (op.cit. : 75) characterizes the use of $u(U E, u w(e))$ in the Cape Archival letters as chiefly restricted to formal address: "In 'n aantal formele briewe wissel UE af met $u$ as obj., na prep. en as poss., die laaste veral in afsluitingsformules. Na verhouding gebeur dit selde. Nog seldsamer is die afwisseling in dieselfde brief tussen UE en gil of $u$ as onderwerp."16

[^101]Again. the observation is that Jan Jonker makes a clear-cut division between nominative and nonnommative forms in the singular, using gij predominantly in subject position and the form $u$ as the non-nominative form. Ue appears only once in his whole oeuvre (in his acrolectal stage, Period II). In possessive constructions, he exclusively uses the longer form $\quad$ twe, three times spelled mwen, and only in his last letters (after 1880) the short form, present-day Afrikans variant $\|$ appears (twice). Note that the present-day Dutch personal and possessive pronouns $a$ and $w$ are phonologically identical. The nineteenth-century pair apparently was not. as Roelf Samuel Gys explains in an interview in GA84:

> Oupa-gocd het Hollants gapraat. Die tal het toe nou veramer mancer en Arrekans in. want onse boeke was ôk Hollandse boeke gawis. Net sôos dic ôu Hollander gawas Mancer. [Els helle praat. es: "Ie" (y) en "Ic-wc" (uwe) en so maneer, het helle gaprat. Die ou Hollanders. Nederlands, was die tal van ons gawas, maneer. Oupa-goed het dit nog gaprat. ${ }^{17}$ (Van Rensburg 1984, II:79)

For the third person singular, Jan Jonker uses the form zijn in possessive constructions, as would be regularly expected. He uses this form also for reference to female gender (10), with the exception of one example in his acrolectal period, where he uses the inflected Dutch form hare (Letter $N^{\circ} .35$, Appendix I, section II. In.255).
(10) ...mij moeders ziin broeders (A. $\ln 18$ ...me mother's his brothers

Non-nominative forms appear as hem, the present-day regular Dutch form, whereas the contemporary Afrikaans form is $h o m$. In subject position the expected form hij( $h y$ ) also features, although in Period 1. we also find hem in the subject position of the sentence (four times). In Period III this happens once. Besides this, there are a few occasions where he uses the singular form for third person plural (3PL) reference. To conclude this section, a recapitulating overview of the Dutch, Afrikaans and the predominant pronominal forms in Jan Jonker's paradigm is given in (11). In the next sections we will examine the plural forms in detail.

[^102](11) Pronominal paradigms

|  | Afrikaans | Dutch | Jan Jonker |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Is |  |  |  |
| nominative | lek (ekke) | lik, ikke ('k) | ik |
| accusative, oblique | my | mij (me) | mijn/mij |
| possessive | my | mijn (m'n, me) | mij |
| 2 s |  |  |  |
| nominative | jy, u | iij, gij, u (je, ge) | gij, u |
| accusative, oblique | jou | jou (je) | - |
| possessive | jou | jouw, uw (je) | une |
| 3s M |  |  |  |
| nominative | hy | hij (ie) | hij (hem) |
| accusative, oblique | hom | hem ('m) | NP (hem) |
| possessive | sy | ziju (z'n) | zim, zyn |
| 3 s F |  |  |  |
| nominative | sy | zij (ze) | NP |
| accusative, oblique | haar | haar ('r, eur) | NP |
| possessive | haar (sy) | haar (d'r, eur) | $z_{\text {zin }}{ }^{18}$ |
| 3 s N |  |  |  |
| nominative | dit | het (') | diat/hij/het |
| accusative, oblique | dit | het (') | NP |
| possessive | sy |  | ziin |
| 1 pl |  |  |  |
| nominative | ons | wij (we) | ons/wij |
| accusative, oblique | ons | ons | ons |
| possessive | ons | ons/onze | ons zijn |
| 2pl |  |  |  |
| nominative | julle, u | jullie, u (je) | ulieden, gylieden |
| accusative, oblique | julle, $u$ | jullie, u (je) | ulieden |
| possessive | julle, u | fullie, uw | uwe, gylieden zijn, ulieden zijn |
| 3 pl |  |  |  |
| nominative | hulle | zii (ze) | zij/heme/zul(le)/hulle |
| accusative, oblique | hulle | hen (hun) | henne (hem) |
| possessive | haile | hun ('t, d'r) | zijn (humne) |

${ }^{18}$ Only on one occasion he uses the Dutch pronom hare, see example (10) above.

### 4.2.2 The paradigm of plural pronouns

In (11) it is shown that the contemporary Standard Afrikaans paradigm for the plural pronouns has non-distinct forms for all Case environments. Jan Jonker's paradigm seems still closer to the Dutch system. As observed in Chapter Three ( $\$ 3.2 .1 .2$ ), the first person plural, nominative form betrays Jan Jonker's aptitude in different registers (see table (5), p.96). In the second person plural, the forms run largely parallel to the second person singular forms, with the addition of -lieden (< Dutch: lieden. hilden), lieder ${ }^{19}$ 'persons, people'). The formal form wheden (in Period III also spelled ulieder) is the most frequent form, and only on one occasion he uses giflieden in a non-nominative environment (Period III). Period II is again characterized by acrolectal features. Overall the pattern can be characterized as regular, but for the possessive constructions to which we will return shortly. It is noteworthy that again Jan Jonker does not follow the tendencies that prevail in Cape Dutch. Jijhi (jy/uycle jullij) the forerunner of the present-day Afrikaans standard form $/ w / l e$ is altogether absent. Likewise, in the third person plural neither zijhui nor the Cape Dutch and present-day ORA pronoun haar/ui (/haar/ieden) appear in the letters in this corpus.

The actual forms Jan Jonker uses for 2PL, gijlieden and ulieden are also found in the correspondence of his contemporaries. All Jan Jonker's colleagues, Abraham Swartbooi, David Christiaan and David Witbooi write these forms, ${ }^{20}$ as well as the German missionary Hegner (Hegner of Berseba to Moses Witbooi of Gibeon, 27.7.1881, NA 'Vedder-collection', no. 57). This could mean that these particular forms were entirely a (later) northwestern development amongst Oorlam-Nama speakers. Then again, in the Dutch correspondence from the London Missionary Society (LMS) the form can also be found, as early as 1804. In a letter dated "Cabo den 20 November 1805 ", ${ }^{21}$ missionary A. A. van der Lingen uses ulieden addressing the Directeuren van 't Nederlands Zendelings Genootschap (the directors of the Dutch Missionary Society). Another instance is attested in a letter (in which also the form

[^103]${ }^{20}$ In this casc, regardless of the fact whether they were the authors or used scribes.
${ }^{21}$ CWM/ South Africa/ Incoming Correspondence. Box 3. 1805. Folders $1+2$.
gijlieden features), by Cornelis A. Kramer in his report to the LMS, dated Klaasvooksrevier den 25 October $1841 .^{22}$ Kramer was a colonist who had been appointed as a teacher to the Roodezand district as early as 1799 and had been given permission to join the LMS missionaries as an assistant by his sponsors, the South African Missionary Society (Penn 1995: 419). Thus, this far, the occurrence of this particular form is narrowed down to the contact situation of missionaries with San and Khoekhoe speakers outside the Cape Town area.

In the KT corpus lieden (people) is used mostly with a 3PL pronoun (12a). Next to the regular Dutch variants $z i j$ and $z e, 3 \mathrm{PL}$ is often written zij lieden (12b), or haar lieden (cf. footnote 19, p.118).
(12a) 1 ...om van die Lieden die zig melden (en) harle pas komt vertoonen of ik van ...for of those people who themselves report and their pass come show whether 1 of
2 de zelve vier Schelg. mag neemen voor het aanteyken(;)
these four shilling may take for the registration KT 148. W.Js. Odendaal. Ao. 1798
(b) 1 en de Bastaart Jan bekent ook dat zii lieden al dat manlijk is zou vernielen en de vrouluij and the Bastard Jan confesses also that they all that male is would destroy and the women
2 zullense tot wijven neemen(,) Namelijk dat Gordon(,) de Wet en zijn schoon zoon en Jan will.they to wives take. Namely that Gordon de Wet and his son-in-law and Jan 3 van Reene een eijder drie van de aanzienlijkste vrouws Perzoone voor haar neemen en van Reene each three of the most-prominent female persons for them take and 4 de andere vrouwen kunne ze deele onder malkander(,) en die booven gemelde Perzoonre the other women can they share among them, and the above mentioned persons
5 zoude zij spaare
would they save KT 134. C. Lotter en B. Beester. Ao. 1795

In 2PL there is one instance with lui (people), the predecessor to the formation of Afrikaans julle (< jij-lui) in the KT (13). ${ }^{23,24}$

[^104](13) 1 seggende gemde. Moses als doen Jii lui soekt mij altijt alle gaar, ik sal jouluij wel hebben saying mentioned Moses if do you seek me always all, I will you well have ... (Jan Valk antwoord hierop:) wij soeken geen Reusie teegens u... waerom gaat jilui Jan Valk answers to this: we seek no quarrel against you... why go you niet slaapen not slecp

In Secretaris Masot se skrif. CJ 334. Ao. 1730

The 2PL forms gij/ieden and ulieden are not altogether absent from the KT (14a-d), albeit rare.
(14a) nametlijk ik weet ook dat zijn broeder hem dat verweeten heeft in present van getuijge dat hoofflees in zijn broeder twist hade, zijde zijn broeder tot hem hoofflees $U$ hoer kind die gij aan de Caap Loopen heeft daar heeft gij veel geld mede verkwist gij Lieden mag mijn vrij noemen seijde josua joubert en het vereijst wort zal ik de getuijge noemen
Jb D Villiers
CJ1111, mr.73. Ao. 1778
(b) Hans brits en neef swart mijn vraag is of gij die woorden durf staande houden daar geii lieden mijn voor gescholden en mee beschuldig heeft tes te segen voor schelm en voor rakker en voor kanalie en dat ik sou de vader weesen van dat kint dat $u$ doghter heeft gehat
Jan barent van blerck (eie skrif)
CJ 400 bl.378. Ao. 1770
(c) heden Den 16 Deser maent juneij 1787 hebben wy commandanten in onser Rade Goet gevonden uyt naem van onser Edel Heer goeverneur op soo een genaamde togt die door seyn Edel heyd is geordineert omme een togd te doen na Cafferland omme de engelse scheeppelinge uijt handen der caffers te redderen soo word UE Lieden door ons aen

[^105]${ }^{24}$ Compare the Negerhollands plural marker-tie ( $/$ hi) which combines wifl pronouns. and the plural marker sender (3PL, "they") which combines with NPs. In one text appearing next to the regular Dutch inflectional variant: die kind sender next to die kinders, 'the children' (Van Rossum $\&$ Van der Voort 1996:38). From the occurrence of vrouluij, (12b, In.1), it appears that hi was in use as a plural marker in the CDV too.
geschreven en gekommandeert om present te seyn op gemelde datum den eersten zeptember 1784 op de placts van jacob Erasmus Aen grote visrivier met geweer en koegel teffens twee maenden mont provisie ook wat kruyt en Loot tot voorseyde (togt) KT 73. Botman
(d) U lieder vriend

Dit is geteekend, van D.E.Thaart [Tjaart] van der Walt Den 18 Maijus 1799. KT 150

The WNT emphasizes the fact that in the second person plural the addition of lieden in Middle Dutch consists of the combination of a pronoun gij plus the NP lieden to reinforce the notion of plurality and not of an alternate pronominal form [gijlieden]. ${ }^{25}$ Apparently there are no attestations of gij plus lieden (/lui) where another NP already indicates plurality, as for example (15a), compared to Dutch gij (*lieden) vorsten, ('you people kings', WNT 2000 sub: gijlieden).

In contrast to the Middle Dutch data the plural pronouns in Jan Jonker's grammar do show the triplet format [PRON. [NP + NP]] (cq. [[pron. PRON. +NP$]+[\mathrm{NP}]]$ ). The grammatical structure of this paradigm falls in line with the disjunct address of the appositional structure [PRON $+N \mathrm{NP}$ ], commonly encountered in the Oorlam-Nama correspondence with both singular and plural forms ( $15 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ), notably also in possessive constructions (15c).
(15a) ulieden, leraars moet padgee
you-PL teachers must vacate
(b) gij, lieve Heer moet luister
you-S, dear sir must listen
(c) De Damaras wil ons, Afrikaner zijn bloed vergiet

The Damaras want us Afrikaner POSS blood spill

These constructions are likely to have a foundation in the commonplace Nama pronominal paradigm, consisting of the sequence [PRONOMINAL FORM + APPOSITIVE NP + PERSON, GENDER, NUMBER MARKER]. The NP is coindexed with the pronominal forms for person, number and gender ( $16 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ),

[^106](Rust 1965:17-21).

| (16a) | sa | khots |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | you-M-S | man-M-S |  |  |  |  |
|  | sa | khois |  |  |  |  |
|  | you-F-S | woman-F-S |  |  |  |  |
| (b) | sa | khoikho | ta | ge | go | + gei |
|  | you-M-PL | men-DUALIS | 1 | IND | PAST | call |
|  | low. hoth men. I called (you). |  |  |  |  |  |

As the attestations in the KT for 2PL are all disjunct (pronoun + lieden, example (14)), like the development in Middle Dutch (Le Roux \& Le Roux 1935:120), the reanalysis of the reinforcing element hieden as a plural marker seems a language-internal continuation. whereby the substrate model for personal address certainly stood as a reinforcing factor. For the third person plural (as well as for the third person singular) initially, in Period I, Jan Jonker chooses to use proper names rather than the pronominal forms, as previously also noted by Scholtz for early Cape Dutch.

Ontbreking van hulle (in teenstelling met ons) in vroce Hottentotic- on slawe-Hollands [...| Dic antwoord is: in die staaltjics wat ons het. verskyn glad geen voornaamwoord van die derde persoon meervoud nie, dus selfs nie zij, zijlui ens., nie. (Scholtz 1963:115). ${ }^{20}$

When Jan Jonker begins to use pronouns in the third person plural, he starts off with one form for all Cases. Intuitively this would be the expected scenario (cf. $\S 4.2 .1$, p.110). At first he chooses hen $(n)$ e( $n$ ); in the letter to Governor Wodehouse (letter №. 13) he seems to favor helle/hulle, whereafter in the letters $\mathrm{N}^{2}$.'s $14-28$ (Period IB), he starts to differentiate forms in relation to their Case environment. Notably the Dutch and Afrikaans 3PL forms, reinforced by elements such as lieden/hui are not attested in this corpus. In (17) Jan Jonker's paradigm of the third person plural per periodical division (including spelling variants, such as zil for $z u l$ etc.).

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|  | NOM | NOM | NOM | NOM | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{ACC} \\ & \mathrm{OBCL} \end{aligned}$ | ACC/ OBL | $\begin{aligned} & A C C \\ & O B L \end{aligned}$ | poss | Poss |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Period/ Year/ hetter №. | zij | zul(le) | hulle/ helle | hen(n)e(n) | hulle/ helle | hene | hun/hen(d) | hunne | hulle |
| 11 1863-1870 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-12 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| 13 |  | 3 | 5 |  | 6 |  |  |  | 2 |
| 14-28 | 2 |  | 1 | 13 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 11 1871-1875 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29-37 | 21 |  |  | 5 |  |  | 13 | 4 |  |
| IIII 1877-1881 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38-44 |  |  | 1 | 2 |  | 1 | 2 |  |  |

Period II is again characterized by the high percentage of correct Dutch forms including the contemporary Dutch standard form zij for nominative Case, at 77\%. In contrast in Period 1, the standard form appears in $8 \%$ of the nominative Case environments. Including the colloquial Dutch form zulle the percentage of correct Dutch forms does not pass the $20 \%$ mark. In Period III Jan Jonker seems to have done away with all his 'good' Dutch, and stopped using the form zij (or zulle) as a nominative form. Further it is noted that although the frequency of third person pronominal forms is quite low in Period III, the form hen(d)/hum becomes predominant and not the present-day Standard Afrikaans form hulle. Besides this, the Cape-Dutch and ORA variants haarlieden (haar/hi, hacrle) are altogether absent from Jan Jonker's Hollands. This can be explained following Goosens' (1994:63) argumentation that because hunhi never existed at the Cape, ${ }^{27}$ haorhi in the CDV was a form based on a stylistic difference ("een etymologiserende verdeftiging"), made by the gentlefolks at the Cape who sought to avoid hille. Thus, it is not the other way around, as argued by Scholtz, that hulle was a subsequent development, out of the contraction of the longer form(s). As these longer forms are absent from the present corpus, obviously then, Jan Jonker was not aware of this sociolinguistic differentiation in stylistic format.

[^108]I conclude that 3PL forms are a continuation of spoken (i.e. 'unpolished', onverdefiggde) CDV forms. at times intermingled with the schoolbook forms of the written Dutch metropolitan standard (note the bias for hulle in Period I, towards hun in Period III). The latter development is out of line with the general observation that Period III is nearer to a basilectal language format, c.q. closer to Afrikaans than to Dutch. Therefore I conclude that the two forms hun (and all its variants) next to hulle (in all its variants) persisted in earlier Afrikaans, at least up until the late nineteenth century. The difference between them being perhaps regional, perhaps of a sociolinguistic nature. In the next section I will turn to the format of the possessive pronouns.

### 4.2.3 Possessive constructions

So far it can be concluded that Jan Jonker observes Case differentiation for nominative and nonnominative Case environments in the singular pronominal paradigm. Most conspicuously he reserves a separate form for the first person singular possessive pronoun (mij, see (2), p.109), as well as for the second person singular possessive pronoun (uwe, see (11), p.117). In the first person plural (18a) and the second person plural ( 18 b ) we encounter a neologism compared to Germanic languages, whereby a possessive structure is created by the addition of the third person singular possessive pronoun zijn to a regular plural pronoun.

| (18a) | om | ons ziin bloed de vergoden |  |  | [A. $\ln 372$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | for | our his blo | to spill |  |  |
| (d) | Late | Heere zal | ulieden ziin | harden regeren | 1A. $\ln .22$ |
|  | let | Lord will | you-PL his | hearts rule |  |

I want to emphasize that the correct Dutch possessive pronoun ons for 1PL (neuter gender NPs) is entirely absent from the corpus, the one possible instance being ambiguous between a dative personal pronoun and a possessive pronoun (see Appendix I, section IA, In. 123). The Dutch alternate onze (1PL, non-neuter NPs) does occur in Period II, but incorrectly with a neuter NP in five out of the seven instances (see $\$ 3.2 .1 .2$, footnote 77, p.96). However, it is not clear if these are wrongly inflected (Dutch) forms or a contraction of the pronominal amalgam [ons $+z i m]_{\text {ipuss, }}$, as the latter is not absent from Period II.

Both the third person singular ${ }^{28}$ and plural possessive constructions fall outside the present generalizations as Jan Jonker tends to make use of full noun phrases rather than the pronominal forms (19a). Thus present-day ORA constructions as in (19b,c) are not attested in his letters (cf. the quotation from Scholtz on Cape Dutch, 3PL forms, p. 122 above). In Jan Jonker's paradigm the form zi/mps.masculinc, with third person singular NPs takes reference to all gender (whereas for reference to $N P_{15, f \text { fining }}$ the correct pronoun in Dutch is hatar, of table (11), p.117), with only one exception (see footnote 18 , above).
(19a) Out Welem Zwaarbooi zijn menschen old Willem Swartbooi his people
(b) ...dis hulle se poppe. GA84:310. $\ln .25$
...itare they poss dolls
(c) Hy se tieket... GA84:273. $\ln 25$
he POSS ticket...
(d) Wy deze lande Kapiteinen zyn verwachting is II. In. 308

Besides the addition of zijn to 1PL and 2PL pronouns (3S, 3PL noun phrases), in the present corpus the neologism of adding zijn to denote possession also occurs with 1PL noun phrases in appositive constructions ( 19 d ). If adding zijn to denote possession were a syntactic innovation generalising over possessive constructions, 1 S and 2 S are remarkably ignored in this formation. And, although third person pronouns (both singular and plural) plus the possessive particle ziln are absent from Jan Jonker's letters, the consistency in adding zijn to denote possession, also in the plural paradigm, is

[^109]| ia. | genitive | moedens hoek mother's book |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| b. | van conslruction | het boek ban mijn wiend the book of my fricnd |
| c. | zijh/haar constmetion | mijn wiendin haar/d'r boek my girl-friend her book mijn vriend zijn/z'n boek my (boy) fricnd his book |

deeply un-Germanic (see footnote 30 , below). On the other hand, we are left with an asymmetry in the development of the periphrastic possessive construction between the singular and the plural paradigm, first and second person as shown in (20).
(20) The possessive in the grammar of Jan Jonker

| IS | my | 1PL | ans zin, |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2S | uwe | 2PL | ulieden zin, gylleden zin. |
| 3S | NP zin/ NP NP | 3PL | NP zin/(humne ${ }^{9}$ )/ NP NP |

In order to decide on which influence(s) this paradigm was built, I will firstly present a survey of possessive constructions in Nama in the next paragraph.

### 4.2.3.1 The possessive construction in Nama

Earlier accounts have associated the Afrikaans periphrastic possessive construction ${ }^{30}$ with Nama syntax (infra). Another source, mentioned in the literature are similar particles signalling possession in Pasar-Malay (21a) and Asiatic Creole Portuguese (21b); both the Malay and Creole Portugese constructions are also grammatical in the case where the NP is a pronoun. Besides this, the presumed Cape Khoekhoe pidgin likewise made use of a particle to denote possession (21c), (cf. Den Besten 1987:31).

[^110]| (21a) | NP | punya | N |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | saya | punya | ruma |  |
|  | 1 | POSS | house |  |
| (b) | My house. |  |  |  |
|  | NP | su(a)/ $\mathrm{su}(\mathrm{o})$ |  | N |
|  | Me | sua |  | nomi |
|  | 1 | POSS |  | вume |
| (c) | Miname. |  |  |  |
|  | Boeba | si | bier |  |
|  | Cow | POSS | milk |  |
|  | milk |  |  |  |

Similarly in Nama, the possessive is formed with a particle ( $d i(/ t i))$ which can either be pre- or postposed with respect to the possessed NP as shown in (22).

| (22a) hon-khoib di häb |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| man | POSS | horsc |
| (b) hāb hon-khoib | dib ${ }^{31}$ |  |
|  | horse man | POSS |

The man's horse.

In Nama the possessive particle $d i$ (or $i i$ ) is a free form (i.e. unbound). ${ }^{32}$ Roberge (1996a) therefore rightly queries the validity of the presupposition that the Afrikaans development is a straightforward
${ }^{3}$ Possibly the sentence in (i) from the present corpus, is consincted on this patern.
i. Ik wens ik zal lecraar krijgen maar dic oondum gij van heb ik niet uliden nodig hebben (Letter №. 5. Appendix I. section IA. in. 136)

However, the sentence remains obscure as I could not find a satisfactory translation for oonduin. Ifit were a pejorative word the sentence could mean Ik wil graag een Leraar, maar jullie, van jouw (soort) 'mishaksels'?(), heh it niet nodig, "I would like a teacher but you, your type of pranksters I do not need".
${ }^{32}$ Although Afrikaans se is not an inflectional (bound) particle its appearance in the possessive construction seems of a functional nature rather than as a (free) lexical clement. comparcd to Nama $t i d$. See Oosthuizen \& Walher 1994 for an analysis within the Minimalist Program of the periphrastic possessive construction with se as the Spell-Ont of a Functional Phrase.
calque, although he does not dismiss the possibility. Without stating it explicitly the gist of his assessment is that substrate influence might largely have been a secondary reinforcing factor (cf. Siegel 1997). Rust (1965) and Hagman (1977) ascertain that in the genitive (=possessive) phrase the associative particle $d i$ may be deleted without a change of meaning, as in (23b), (cf. Collins (1983) on this choice in Malay (dialects)).
(23a) /naa !huup ti kòpaku
(b) /naa !hùup kopaku
The languges of that land.

In the corpus letters from Jan Jonker this option also features; a few examples are shown in (24a-d). In Nieuwoudt (1990:141) the same structure, of bare juxtaposition of the possessor and possessee are attested for Griqua Afrikaans and Blanke Oranje Rivier Afrikaans (24e). In (24f) a Griqua Afrikaans example is shown from the corpus Van Rensburg 1984.
(24a) God woorte
God words
(b) my Vader blads
my father place
(c) ..om de Damaras dienaar te word .for the Damaras servant to become
(d) by Aiseb werf
at Aiseb werf
(e) Toe ons na Boesmansrust hys toe ankom

Blanke ORA
When we to Boesmansrust house to arrive
(f) Hy tieket is nog... ${ }^{33}$

He ticket is still...

[^111]Crucially, in Nama the suspension of the possessive particle is an obligatory rule in the IS and the $2 S$ possessive constructions, as shown in (25), (Pastor Eiseb/Haacke p.c.). ${ }^{34,35}$ Nieuwoudt (1990:141) further notes the spread of the possessive se-construction in all variants of ORA, as well as the fact, that: "se verbind veral met halle [3PL], julle [2PL], by [3S] en ons [1PL]". (se often occurs with 'they', 'you', 'he' and 'us'), notably 15 and 25 are not included in this generalization.

| (25a) | ti | (*di) | hab |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | my | POSS | horse |
| (b) | sa | (*di) | hab |
|  | you | POSS | horse |

Hence, a priori, constructions like in (26) are not expected to appear in the case this were an innovation based on a calque from Nama.

| (26a) | ik/mij | zijn | paard |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | l | POSS | horse |
| (b) | jij/jou | zijn | huis |
|  | you | POSS | house |

This is confirmed by the data from Jan Jonker as well as his contemporaries. The construction could not be authenticated in nineteenth-/ early twentieth-century ORA and no examples as in (26) could be found in the Namibian corpora 1 consulted (see $\S 1.1$ ). Seeming attestation in synchronic Griqua Afrikaans can be dismissed on interpretative grounds. ${ }^{36}$

[^112]Although we must allow for a percentage of genuine mistakes in the orthography, ${ }^{37}$ the singular possessive forms $m y$ (1S) and ave (2S) are unexpected, assuming either Cape Dutch or the metropolitan standard as the target. ${ }^{38}$ The absence in the present corpus of the acrolectal possessive pronoun oms is also highly conspicuous. The consistency in the plural forms on the other hand, is likewise urregular reasoning from the perspective of Nama grammar, in which the possessive particle is an optional element. In Nama the IPL pronoun without the possessive particle is a perfectly fine construction (27a). (cf. the absence of oms in the present corpus, discussed in $\$ 4.2 .3, \mathrm{p} .124$ ).

| (27a) | sada (di) | hab | Nama |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | IPL poSS | horse | Duch |
| (b) | ons | paard |  |

In addition, the emergence of the 2PL possessive ulieden zijn as a novel form of its own kind is surprising. However, in view of the syncretic forms available to Jan Jonker, his idiosyncratic paradigm becomes clearer. In the particular mesolect at hand for the Oorlam-Nama speaker, there were presumably very little, or no systematic morphosyntactic markings, giving room for the transfer of alternate syntactic properties to disambiguate the structure.


Considering the context. (ib) scems the correct interpretation.
${ }^{37}$ Orhographical errors seem a genume rality if judged by the variation that Jan Jonker shows in writing his name, varying from Jan Joker to Jahn (cmissionary C.H. Halm?) Jonker Afrik(/c)a(a)n(d)er.

[^113]
### 4.3 Transfer between languages

As put forward in the earlier chapters in this thesis, it is assumed that Jan Jonker Afrikaner was bilingual in some language(s) from the Khoesan group of languages and Hollands, c.q. some formis) of the CDV or ORA. It is also clear that this, what he himself calls 'Hoolans' (see Vol. II. Section A. In.577), was the dominant language. And, although Mufwene (1997) rejects any usefulness left in the working concepts which ought to set apart jargons from pidgins, from creoles and koines, recent debate centers around the dichotomy of language creation (creolization) from a morphological 'null' variety (pidgin/creole) in contrast to language mixing. In the latter case two established grammars combine, choosing morphosyntactic (functional) categories in terms of markedness from either contributor (cf. Thomason 1997; also Kouwenberg 1992. 1999 on the issue of the convergence of dissimilar language systems). In the case of the development of pidgins and creole language the language user 'invents', 'creates' structural (functional) information to avoid ambigua. ${ }^{39}$

However, the judgement that $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{Cs}$ have null morpho-syntactical markings can be interpreted in two ways. Firstly, that the language consists only of lexical items with no inflectional structure (c.q. system morphemes (SM; infra)/Functional projections (FP)). Secondly, this can be interpreted as a situation in which the speakers of the various mother tongue languages add only their mother tongue's functional material onto the lexical items. In that case their meaning is null, to any other speakers than those who share the same language.

As summarized in Myers-Scotton (1997), the dominance of the 'target' language (the Matrix Language, $\mathrm{ML}^{40}$ ) is of influence on the entire outcome in the context of 'mixing' languages.

[^114]IElvidence from several types of bilingual spech indicates there is a coghitively-based dommand fanguage' mechanism at work when two or more lingaistic systems are brought logethor an production.

An important factor underlying the premises of bilingual speech phenomena such as language acquisition, language attrition, and code-switching (CS), is the distinction between content morphemes and system morphemes.

> EElvidence from CS indicates that in mixed constituents (containing morphemes from two or more languages), all syntacticallyrelevant system morphemes come from the ML. The less dominant language. the Embedded Language (EL). supplies only content morphemes to such constituents. Prototypical content norphemes are nouns and most verb stens. whie prototypical system morphemes are quantifiers (e.g. determiners, demonstatives) and infections (op.cif.:151).

Simplified, the content morphemes translate ${ }^{41}$ to the Lexical Projections in the generative framework, the system morphemes correspond with the Functional Projections (cf. § 1.2). In creole formation the ML may shift over time in the process of establishing a consensus over the particular forms of the various interlects that become created (op.cit.:158, 163). ${ }^{42}$ Thus, the concepts 'content morpheme' and 'system morpheme' may vary over time, over individuals or over speech groups.

From the literature on CS it emerges that the SM are initially always drawn from the mother tongue of the speaker, as for example the Arabic-Dutch CS in (28a). In later stages, functional elements may become mixed, i.e. drawn both from the mother tongue and the target language, as in (28b) from Shona-English, until, in contemporaneous cases of CS, the target language is acquired including its proper functional items (after Myers-Scotton 1997:154).

| (28a) Hna saknin | $f$ | dorp,... |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | IPL live | PREP $_{\{\text {Arab }]}$ | village $_{[\text {Duich }]}$ |

[^115](b) But ma-day-s a-no ....


The influence of the mother tongue that is witnessed in (28a) can be explained quite simply in terms of relexification. The learner makes a copy of the lexical entry of his native language and replaces the original phonological form with a phonological form derived from the data of the second language. The new lexical entry retains the semantic and syntactic properties of the original lexical entry that it was copied from (cf. Lumsden 1999). In the case of ORA the latter factor cannot be determined with certainty, only the fact that (some form of) Hollands was the uncontested target language, and it is clear that metropolitan Dutch was the written standard (see Chapter Three).

For example in a pidgin-situation the pluralization of the word ' $X$ ' (e.g., 'book'), in a hypothetical language contact situation, the product may be as in (29):

| speaker one | X-s | (books) | [cf. English morphology] |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| speaker two | X-en | (booken) | [cf. Dutch morphology] |
| speaker three | ma-X | (mabook) | [cf. Zulu morphology] |
| speaker four | di-X | (dibook) | [cr. Setswana morphology] |

It is important to note that only ' X ' (book) is understood by all the speakers of the pidgin in the contact situation. Thus, inflection is 'meaningless', yet, it is not absent. It is diverse. ${ }^{43}$ In CS situations it is attested that at a subsequent stage combinations occur and examples may be found such as "ma-X-s", "ma-X-en", "X-en-s", "di-ma-X-en-s". The addition of 'meaningless' affixes is indeed what we find in the recorded pidgin data. ${ }^{44}$ It is not implausible that in the CDV, PGN markers were not absent, but that they were simply not recorded. ${ }^{45}$ Sometimes in the translations of name places traces

[^116] (continued...)
persist. For example, the Orange River was earlier known as the Grootrivier (Great River) or Gariep (Gamel). The former is a literal translation of the Khoekhoe word charie (garie 'river') plus the masculine gender marker $-b,{ }^{46}$ indicating it was 'great' (as opposed to smaller streams), (cf. Van Rensburg 1998b:14). Another instance is the etymology of the Afrikaans word hartheeshuisie (literally a species of buck (hartebees: Alcelaphus buselaphus or Alselaphus lichtensteini) plus 'little house'), denoting primitive quarters, square-shaped with a roof of straw. clay or reeds. As analyzed by Nienaber (1994a:185), the answer to the question what a buck may have to do with some sort of housing lies in the combination of Dutch with Khoekhoe. The Khoekhoe word for biesies (<Dutch (dim.): biesjes, 'reeds' (bul-rush)) being harub ("/harh-b"), the lemma was duplicated into the construct [harub ${ }_{[\text {Nama: red] }}+$ bies $_{[\text {Duch: reed] }] \text {; (cf. other examples of such duplications in Chapter Six, }}$ §6.4.1). As Van Rensburg (1998b:15) comments:

> Dit is goed ie bedink dat Afrikaanssprekendes wat nie haruh verstaan he nie, ook nic sy vertaling biesie in die samestelling verstaan het nic. [...] Verder begin /harub met 'n klapklank, en het vir dic Arrikanne oor die sinlose genusmerker -b. Moeilik om agterna te sê. Saam met bees maak iets wat nagenoeg na hart klink darem sim, nl hartbees. ${ }^{47}$

Where the Afrikaans written record is concerned, the reliance on the orthography of metropolitan Dutch would have obscured any variation at this level, but for deliberate representations. The same can be said of dialectal differences in contemporary Netherlandic varieties which are not reflected in the written language, except in deliberate studies (cf. the West Flemish examples from Haegeman, quoted in Chapter Five) or in order to gain some literary effect. In P/C formation in which, by
${ }^{\text {Hi }}$ (...continued)
feature is not attested does not mean it did not exist. It seems that aspects of emerging MPE that did not make any sense at all from the perspective of English speakers were very rarely reported, if at all. An example is the use of "stop* as a preverbal marker of progressive aspect."

[^117]comparison to CS the target language is far less accessible, in the course of time different systems may be dominant, eventually, one steady and productive morpheme becomes filtered out (substrate/ superstrate influence), reinvented (grammaticalization), or re-instated (decreolization). With this in mind I argue that the paradigm as attested in this study is the result of at least two distinct functional systems in competition. This led to innovations in the pronominal paradigm which persist today.

### 4.4 The forms of the ORA pronouns: transfer between Nama and Dutch

As a massive loss of inflectional morphology is virtually universal among languages which are generally classified as pidgin and creole languages (cf. Goodman 1971:253, Mühlhäusler 1986:152, Roberge 1995:79-80), it follows that there arises a tendency in creoles towards disambiguating strategies. 'Innovations' ensue, be it distributional restrictions or new forms (cf. Muysken 1995:344). Witnessing the (contradictory) variation found in the $\operatorname{CDV}$ (see e.g., $\$ 4.1$ ), no clear target language model seems to have been available in the nineteenth century, but for the Dutch metropolitan written standard. The fairly undefined variance in word-order of the substrate Nama, based on topic-focus relations (cf. Chapter Six, $\S 6.2 .1 .1$ ) plus the indeterminate pronominal forms available, in all likelihood made it difficult to know which Case relation was intended.

In the grammar of Nama, Case distinction is made between non-nominative forms and genitive forms. The suffix - $a$ indicates non-nominative Case, whereas genitive Case NPs are left unmarked. In Dutch, the target language of Jan Jonker, in contrast, morphosyntactic marking exists for genitive Case, whereas non-nominative NPs are left unmarked as shown in (30).
(30)

|  | Accusative/ Dative | Genlitive |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dutch |  | NP-s |
| Nama | NP- $a^{48}$ |  |

[^118]From the mixed (structurally impoverished) language, which the Oorlam-Nama had as their imput, an [ $N(P) N]$ sequence became ambiguous between the Nama interpretation of a possessor-possessee relation and the Germanic blue-print, in which the sequence signals an indirect or direct object relation. to the verb. Thus, a sequence as (31) would be a NP-N signal for the Nama speaker (31a), whereas it was a NP-NP sequence for the Germanic native speaker (31b). Moreover, because of the levelling of the forms in the pronominal system for nominative Case, theta roles are initially left undefined (31b, c).
(31) ons gee man bees [om te gaan weiden]
us give man cow [for to go graze I
(a) We give the man's horse (fto N) to let it go graze).
(b) We give the man a horse (to let it go graze).
(c) The man gives us a horse (to let it graze).

Accepting that the target language parametrically differed from the substrate, and, given the fact that functional categories are not subject to relexification strategies (Myers-Scotton 1997:152), the [ + genitive]-DP was open to reanalysis, and subsequent grammaticalization. In the re-evaluation of the pronominal forms, ${ }^{49}$ in order to disambiguate structure, zijh emerged as a functional element signalling possession, except where singular pronominal forms in a possessive relationship to an NP retained distinct forms (see (20), p.126). The reason why the development took this course, as opposed to a uniform one can not readily be identified, but may be attributed to substrate influence, as in Nama the first and second person singular do not combine with the (unbound) possessive marker (di/it). That the genitive Case distinction became the morphosyntactically marked category, rather than the accusative/oblique Case relation can be ascribed both to general tendencies in language formation, in that we rarely find bound morphemes transferred to the newly formed variant, as well as to Nama substrate influence, in that this language featured structures consisting of an overt unbound particle. This lexical particle was transferred rather than the bound morphological reflex of the genitive Case marker in the Germanic languages. Subsequently it became reanalyzed as a

[^119]functional category heading the $\mathrm{DP}_{\mathrm{i}+\mathrm{genitive} \mid}$ (cf. the analysis in Oosthuizen \& Waher 1994). Accepting the claim made in the literature, that the periphrastic possessive construction with se was alreadv an established feature of Afrikaans around 1861 (see $\S 2.5 .1 .4$ ), the formation of this structure in the CDV in the Cape peninsula may not have varied in essence from the scenano presented here. There are no indications that Khoesan influence was non-essential in the peninsula; the parallel periphrastic construction in Portuguese-based varieties of the languages which the slaves brought in could certainly be seen as a secondary reinforcing factor in the development of this innovation.

## 5 The Syntax of the Verb Phrase

### 5.1 The configuration of the Continental West Germanic languages

5.1 .1 Introduction

In my approach to the idiosyncrasies of the Verb Phrase (VP) in nineteenth-century ORA, my starting points are language-typical similarities between Standard Afrikaans and its Continental West Germanic counterparts in the composition of the verbal component, rather than the differences. For Dutch and German, since Koster (1975) it has generally been accepted that the order of the elements in the subordinate clause is the basic word order and that in the main clause the rule of verb-second (henceforth: v/2) produces the apparent SVO sequence - even though theoretical assumptions to the contrary are still presented to date for Afrikaans (Feinauer 1987, 1998, AFN211 1993:5), i.e., that the main-clause SVO order is the basic order and that the subordinate verb-final sequence is derived by means of a 'transformation' which moves the verb(s) to reach such a surface arrangement. This argumentation will not be considered and I assume the same structure for Afrikaans as for Dutch.

In recent studies within the syntactic framework of Generative Grammar, specifically within its latest development, the so-called Minimalist Program (MP), (Kayne 1994, Chomsky 1995, 1998, Zwart 1993, 1997) it has been proposed, that all languages, also the Germanic languages should be analyzed from an underlying VO word-order. In the SVO analysis of Dutch the various alternate orders of the constituents are arrived at by leftward movement of phrasal categories to functional nodes for reasons of feature checking (cf. $\S 1.2$ ). The implications of these different approaches affect mostly the constituents that are complements of the Verb Phrase (VP), and I will discuss these in turn where they provide an alternative analysis of the data. The typical provision in the CWG-languages, identified as verb-second in the main clause (v/2) is not affected by either approach.' The initial survey in this chapter will start from the traditional view that the CWG-languages and Afrikaans are underlying (S)OV.

[^120]Motivation for taking the Germanic languages as OV-ordered, is mainly based on the positioning of the NP-complements relative to the verb(s), for which there is only one possibility: on the left side of the VP in the subordinate clause (1).
(1a) (Hij zei) dat Karel het boek heeft gekocht
(b) *(Hij zei) dat Karel heeft gekocht het boek

He said that Karel has bought the book.

In main clauses the finite verb is moved to the second position (2), (the $\mathrm{v} / 2$ constraint); this position is traditionally identified as $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ (Koster 1975, Den Besten 1977: see also $\$ 6.3 .5$ ).
(2) Karel heeft $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{i}}$ het boek aan Paula [ $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ gegeven]

Karel has given the book to Paula.

At the same time it is noted that other complements than NP-complements have to appear to the right of the VP. Traditionally this is achieved by rightward movement, by the rule of Extraposition of the constituent to the right of the VP (3b,d).
(3a) *..dat ik [dat hij het boek leest] wil
(b) ..dat ik $\left[t_{i}\right]$ wil [dat hij het boek leest $]_{1}$ ..that I want that he reads the book.
(c) *., dat Karel [om te komen] heeft beloofd
(d) ..dat Karel [t ] heeft beloofd [om te komen];
.. that Karel has promised to come.

Thus, the Germanic languages show contradictory facts with respect to the direction of complementation they allow for. In the MP approach, taking a VO order as the basis, the required order for NP-complements, to the left of the verbal parts, is achieved by movement of the objects to the specifier positions of the respective functional categories associated with the lexical material. In this case the Agreement Object Phrase (AgrOP), (cf. Chapter One, example (2), p.12). In this analysis, clausal complements remain in sifu (4c,d).
(4a) *..dat Karel heeft gelezen [het boek]
(b) ..dat Karel het boek; heeft gelezen $\left[t_{i}\right]$
(c) ..dat ik wil [dat hij het boek leest]
(d) dat Karel heeft beloofd [om te komen]

Whereas starting out from an $O V$ sequence there are two directions for movement, the alternative. taking VO as a starting point can claim that there is movement to the left only. For an in depth analysis of the distinctions purported by this analysis, Irefer the reader to the discussion in Z wart (1993.1997).

### 5.1.2 The syntax of the Dutch Verb Phrase: placement of its complements

The assumption referred to above that the CWG languages (including Afrikaans) are basically head-final (SOV) languages, was arrived at by the observation that the NP-complements of the verb cannot linearly follow the verb, unless the verb is in the second position in the main clause (5a), while, as we saw above in all other structures the verb(s) are realized to the right of NPcomplements.
(5a) Hij geeft Paula een boek
(b) .dat hij Paula een boek geeft
.. (that) he gives Paula a book.

This data initially leaves the issue undecided. Nevertheless, when there is more than one verb present in the clause only one of them, the finite verb, is found to the left, all other verbs have to appear to the right of the other phrasal constituents, $(6 a, b, c)$ unlike in English ( 6 d ).
(6a) ..dat hij [Paula] [een boek] heeft willen geven
(b) Hij heeft [Paula] [een boek] willen geven
(c) *Hij heef willen geven [Paula] [een boek]
(d) He had wanted to give [Paula] [a book]

However, if we take a look at clausal complements as shown above in (3), repeated here in (7), we see that these in turn, have to appear to the right of the verb(s), thus giving us no further insight in what could be the base order.
(7a) .dat hij heeft geprobeerd [om het boek aan Paula te geven]
(b) *. dat hij [om het boek aan Paula te geven], heeft geprobeerd $t_{\text {; }}$ that he tried to give Paula the book.
(c) ..dat hij heeft beloofd [dat hij zou komen]
(d) *. dat hij [dat hij zou komen], heef beloofd t; that he promised that he would come.

Verbal complement clauses in Dutch appear invariably to the right of the verb. In the Government and Binding framework of Generative Grammar (henceforth: $G / B)^{2}$ they were moved to this position by the rule called Extraposmon. ${ }^{3}$ This has never been a really satisfactory account. As shown in (8), extraposed complement clauses are transparent, whereas extraposed adjunct clauses are islands for extraction.
(8a) Wie, zei je dat Paula dacht [dat Karel $t_{i}$ kuste] Who did you say that Paula thought that Rarel had kissed.
(b) $\quad{ }^{*}$ Wie $_{\mathrm{i}}$ heeft Paula het verboden [dat Karel $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ kuste] ${ }^{4}$

Who did Paula forbid that Karel kissed.

Thus, two contradictory facts can be established: complement NPs cannot appear to the right of the verb in situ but must be realized to the left of it, whereas clausal complements must appear to the right and yield an ungrammatical result when in the canonical NP-complement position (to the left of the verb in the subordinate clause). This point is in fact one of the main cornerstones for the description of Dutch as an underlying head-initial language, as is argued for most comprehensively within an MP approach by Zwart (1993:82, 297; 1997).

[^121]Secondly, as shown in (9), the object(s) of finite or infinitival sentential complement clauses can only undergo $\overline{\mathrm{A}}$-movement (WH-movement).
(9a) *[Een liedje] heeft hij geprobeerd [om $\left[t_{i}\right]$ te zingen]
(b) [Wat $]_{i}$ heent hij geprobeerd [om [i, $]$ te zingen]
.. that he tried to sing a song./ What did he try to sing.

In contrast, non-complement clausal constituents may surface both to the left and to the right of the verb as shown in (10).
(10a) ..dat Karel Paula kuste, toen de film begon
(b) ..dat Karel Paula toen de film begon kuste
(c) ..dat Karel toen de film begon Paula kuste
(d) ..dat toen de film begon Karel Paula kuste
..that Karel kissed Paula when the film started.

However, neither view can put forward conclusive evidence based on these data alone. From data as presented in (11), where we see an NP-complement realized in nearly every possible position, it has also been assumed that Dutch (and German) are typologically classified amongst the nonconfigurational languages (cf. Webelhuth 1985).
(11a) Karel heeft waarschijnlijk gisteren Paula het boek gegeven Karel has probably yesterday Paula the book given
(b) Karel heeft waarschijnlijk Paula gisteren het boek gegeven
(c) Karel heeft waarschijnlijk Paula het boek gisteren gegeven
(d) Karel heeft Paula waarschijnlijk gisteren het boek gegeven
(e) Karel heef Paula waarschijnlijk het boek gisteren gegeven
(f) Karel heeft Paula het boek waarschijnlijk gisteren gegeven Karel probably gave Paula the book yesterday.

Within the $G / B$ framework it is assumed that sentence adverbs are in an invariable position, demarcating the boundary of the VP. Sentence adverbs like waarschijnlijk (probably) are base generated in a position which is left adjoined to $I$ ' as shown in (12). Temporal adverbs, within $G / B$ principles are also peripheral to the VP , in some accounts adjoined to either IP or to VP (cf. Haegeman 1992:157). It is then assumed that the objects can adjoin to different positions relative to the adverbs as exemplified in (11); this movement is referred to as scrambling (cf. Webelhuth

1989, Grewendorf \& Stemefeld 1990).


It is not so that all constituents can scramble; whereas for example indefinite NPs and pronouns are preferred to scramble, particles (13a) and small-clauses (13b) give an ungrammatical result ${ }^{5}$ (see Den Besten et al, 1988:18; also Broekhuis 1989, Broekhuis et al, 1995).
(13a) Karel heef (*op) waarschijnlijk (*op) gisteren (*op) Paula (op)gebeld
Karel has up probably up yesterday up Paula up ring
(b) ..dat ik dat niet kapot gemaakt heb
.that I that not broken made have
*..dat ik dat kapot niet heb gemaakt

The seemingly random ordering possibilities within the Dutch VP as in the examples above, can be captured far more elegantly, for both the SOV and the SVO model if we let go of the assumption that the AdvP has a fixed position in the structure. This idea is put forward in the MP with the presumption that adverbs can in principle be adjoined to any maximal projection (Zwart 1993: 304). Adopting the idea that the placement of adverbs is without regulations or stipulations of any movement, Zwart arrives at the conclusion: "[that] the assumption that adverbs are freely generated is not unattractive" (op.cit.:94). It is a reasonable option within the Minimalist Program as the MP approach is in principle unrestrictive in so far that it has no movement rules. The program itself, on the other hand is very restrictive, in that every movement that takes place must be motivated by certain licensing requirements. Capturing such requirements for Adverbial Phrases would seem basically a theory-driven stipulation.

[^122]To summarize so far, we have looked at the options for positioning the complements of the verb and their relation to adjuncts in the sentence with NP-complements, as well as finite and infinitival sentential complements. In the next paragraph the non-finite verbal complements are further classified.

### 5.1.3 Classification of non-finite verbal complements

Classifying the verbs for Dutch and Flemish for the type of verbal complements they can occur with, we arrive at four types. In Appendix III (1), the verbs for Dutch are listed per classification of the structural types they combine with. ${ }^{6}$ The verbs which are compliant with ExTraposimion, as sketched above, are found in column $B, C$ and $D$; they exclude the type of verbs that enter exclusively in the so-called Verb Raising construction (VR), (category A, in Appendix III, (1)). A third class, in the G/B framework, has been identified as the Thrd Construction, while the fourth alternative are verbs that yield Verb Promection Raising structures (henceforth: VPr). Extraposition, in G/B terms, demands the infinitival complement to be moved to the right of the matrix verb, as we have seen in the previous section, resulting in a sequence as in (14a) below. What is termed the THIRD Construction, for further lack of formal descriptive features is a variant of this, whereby the complement NP can surface outside the infinitival clause as shown in the example (14b). The verbs that allow for this construction (identified by the feature [+LDS], Long Distance Scrambling, in Appendix III, (1)), were originally grouped together with the VR-verbs for their similarities to VERBRAISING constructions (Evers 1975). In subsequent work (Den Besten et al, 1988, Den Besten \& Rutten 1989, Broekhuis et al, 1995) the construction was isolated as a subcategory of verbs that allow ExTraposimion with the suspension of the complementiser om. It is argued that therefore they are transparent for object movement into the higher clause (see further §5.1.3.2). In the operation known as Verb Raising in the G/B literature, the verbs cluster together to form one verbal unit as in the example in (14c); this will be discussed in §5.1.3.1. The fourth instance of verbal infinitival complementation is VERB PROJECTIONRAISING, a subcategory of VR. It is not found in contemporary Standard Dutch but amongst others in West Flemish (Haegeman 1992), Southern German dialects, Swiss German (Cooper 1989) and to a certain extent in Afrikaans (see $\S 5.2 .3$ ). VPR is similar to VR, but for the fact that it allows part of the

[^123]projection of the verb to 'raise along', as in the example (14d). This type will be discussed in $\S$ 5.1.3.3.
(14a) ..dat hij heeft geprobeerd [om een liedje te zingen]
(b) ..dat hij een liedje; heeft geprobeerd [__ $t_{i}$ te zingen]
(c) ..dat hij een liedje $t_{j} t_{i}$ [heeft proberen ${ }_{i}$ te zingen ${ }_{j}$ ]
(d) ..dat hij $t_{j} t_{i}$ [heef proberen; [een liedje te zingen] $]_{j}$ ]
.. that he has tried to sing a song.

We will return to each of these constructions in turn in relation to their options in Standard Afrikaans in $\S 5.2$. In the next paragraphs an exposition of the standard rule of VR , the THIRD Construction and VPR in the G/B framework is made, whereafter in $\S 5.1 .4$, the MP analysis of these will be reviewed.

### 5.1.3.1 Verb Raising

The mechanism of Verb Raising in the G/B framework as developed by Evers (1975), and Den Besten and Edmondson (1983) amongst others for Dutch, in its most general form takes place when more than two verbs in a clause, $\mathrm{Vx}_{\mathrm{x}}, \mathrm{Vy}_{\mathrm{y}}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{z}}, \mathrm{Vx}$ dominating $\mathrm{Vy}, \mathrm{Vy}$ dominating $\mathrm{Vz}_{z}$ cluster together and form a new node, constituting one phrasal unit, as for example in (15).
(15) ..dat Karel het boek gisteren aan Paula [vp had willen geven]
..that Karel had wanted to give the book to Paula yesterday.

That the verbs form one clausal unit has foundation in some general observations for a language with verb-second in the main clause, like Dutch. The assumption that only one XP can occupy the sentence initial position provides an explanation for the ungrammaticality of ( 16 b ). Clusters made by vr move as a whole to the sentence initial position ( $16 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ), thus indicating that we are dealing with only one single constituent.
(16a) [Karel] had het boek gisteren aan Paula willen geven
(b) *[Gisteren] [Karel] had het boek aan Paula willen geven
(c) [Willen geven] had hij dat boek aan Paula
(d) *[Geven] had hij dat boek aan Paula gewild [/willen] ${ }^{7}$

For Dutch, VR moves the embedded verb to the right of the higher verb while the main verb's objects are left behind clause internally, as shown in the configurational representation in (17).


The result is at surface a VO sequence amongst the participating verbs, the dominating verb appearing to the right of the dependent verb. The mechanism is recursive (18).
(18a) .dat hij dat [kan begrijpen]
.. that he can understand that.
(b) ..dat hij dat [moet [kunnen begrijpen]
..that he must be able to understand that.
(c) ..dat hij dat [had [moeten [kunnen begrijpen]
..that he that had must can understand
..that he should have been able to understand that.

In German, possibly the clustering between verbs also takes place but there is no inversion of the relative order of the verbs, ${ }^{9}$ except for the verb hätte (to have) as in (19c), which demands inversion, whereas inversion is optional for the verb müssen (must), ( $19 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ).
(19a) .daß er das [verstehen kann]
(b) ..daß er das [verstehen können] muss]
(c) ..daß er das [hätte [[verstehen können] müssen]]

[^124][^125]The most characteristic feature of the mechanism of vR is the fact that when more than two verbs cluster in the perfect tense, the participle form of the depending verb is changed into the infinitival form (20); the so-called Double Infintive Construction (DIC) is invoked, a phenomena also termed the Infinitivus Pro Participio (TPP)-effect.
(20a) ..dat Karel een boekje heeft willen geven
(b) *..dat Karel een boekje heeft gewild geven
..that Karel wanted to give the booklet.

When the infinitival clause is extraposed as in (21b), or topicalised (cf. footnote 7, p.146) the verb reappears in its participial form.
(21a) .dat wij haar de rommel [hebben helpen opruimen]
(b) ..dat wij haar $\left[\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}\right]$ geholpen hebben [(om) de rommel op te ruimen]; ..that we helped her to clean up the mess.

A second constraint concerns the strict ordering of the verbs in Dutch (22c,d). It has been argued in the literature (Den Besten et al, 1988, Den Besten $\&$ Rutten 1989) that when only two verbs are involved in the string, probably there is no VR. or, that VR is optional (22a,b).
(22a) .dat Karel een boekje heeft gegeven
(b) ..dat Karel een boekje gegeven heeft
(c) *..dat Karel een boekje heeft geven willen
(d) *., dat Karel een boekje geven heeft willen
.. that Karel has given (thas wanted to give) the booklet.

In the $G / B$ analysis of $V R$ it is therefore assumed that the characteristic properties of the mechanism of VR are that:

- There is a strict ordering of the verbal elements.
- In the perfect tense the IPP-effect is obeyed.

Clustering of verbs in the passive voice with the auxiliary worden (become), does not show the IPP-effect nor the strict word order. When the verb is in its participial form (when the IPP-effect does not apply), inversion is always optional ( 23,24 ) ${ }^{10}$
(23a) ..dat het knopje moest worden ingedrukt
(b) ..dat het knopje moest ingedrukt worden
(c) ..dat het knopje ingedrukt moest worden
(d) ..dat het knopje ingedrukt worden moest
that the button pressed down become must
.. that the button had to be pressed down.
(24a) ..dat hij het boek kan hebben gelezen
(b) ..dat hij het boek kan gelezen hebben
(c) ..dat hij het boek gelezen kan hebben [3-1-2]
(d) ..dat hij het boek gelezen hebben kan
that he the book read have can
..that it is possible that he has read the boek.

This constitutes the VR mechanisms available in the CWG-languages in its basic form. A uniform analysis for all CWG-languages is hard to arrive at with this technique alone. Some languages/ dialects allow, others demand leftward movement of the dependent verb, again others decidedly have only rightward movement. In Appendix III, (2) the variation in word order across the CWGdialects, compared to the standard preferences is schematized. We will return to the Dutch data in § 5.2 .2 in a comparison with the options in Afrikaans. The matter seems to bear on whether the IPP-effect is invoked (Vanden Wyngaerd 1994, Wolf 1995, Den Dikken \& Hoekstra 1995), but

[^126]as shown in Zwart (1995), cross-linguistically this cannot predict all the variation that must be allowed for. ${ }^{11}$

### 5.1.3.2 The Third Construction

Thus far we have seen the mechanism of Extraposition, which demands the clausal complement to surface on the right of the selecting verb, forming an island for A-movement of its complements. Further we have discussed Verb Raising which, from the view as put forward within the $G / B$ analysis, leaves all the objects behind sentence internally, while the verbs cluster together in their mirror image word order in Dutch, resulting in a surface order with the most embedded verb as the last one in the cluster. Besides this patterning, certain 'mixed' orders are possible. Consider the next, semantically ${ }^{12}$ equivalent sentences:
(25a) ..dat Paula de vogels heeft geprobeerd te fotograferen
(b) ..dat Paula de vogels heeft proberen te fotograferen that Paula the birds has try to photograph
.that Paula tried to photograph the birds.

Originally, Evers (1975) classified both sentences in (25) as instances of VR, because in both cases the object-NP is realized outside the verb complex. In § 5.1.3.1 it was stipulated that within the G/B analysis of VR the IPP-effect is obeyed: that the verb appears in its infinitival form instead of in its participial form. It was also noted that one characteristic of ExTRAPOSITION is that the objects of the extraposed complement clause remain clause internally as shown in (26) (cf. (11), supra).

[^127](26a) ..dat Paula heeft geprobeerd [om de vogels te fotograferen]
(b) *..dat Paula de vogels heeft geprobeerd [om $t_{i}$ te fotograferen]

Furthermore, as shown in (27), when the IPP-effect is invoked in Dutch, the verbal complex can not be broken up by NP-complements.
(27a) ..dat Paula heeft geprobeerd de vogels te fotograferen
(b) *..dat Paula heeft proberen de vogels te fotograferen

Thus, it is argued that to maintain the IPP-effect as a diagnostic for VR , (25a) cannot be an instance of VR. Therefore (25a) is rather appraised as a 'third' kind of construction, whereby EXTRAPOSTTION, with the suspension of an overt complementiser is analyzed as making the clause transparent for A-movement. Thus, the embedded object can move up into the higher clause (Den Besten et al, 1988, De Besten \& Rutten 1989, Broekhuis et al, 1995). This type of object movement has been termed 'Long Distance Scrambling' (LDS), (see Appendix III, (1) for the respective verbs that allow this type of construction; see further the publications in Grewendorf \& Stemefeld (eds.) 1988 and the references cited there). Note that in this construction the complementiser om must be omitted, leaving the status of the extraposed clause undetermined presumably "something less" than a CP (see also Wurmbrand 1998). In (28a) the analysis of the structure in the Third Construction (after Extraposition has taken place), is demonstrated, while in (28b) we see how the VR technique moves the clausal elements around from the OV perspective.
(28a) ..dat Paula de vogels; heeft geprobeerd [ $t_{;}$te fotograferen]
(b) ..dat Paula [[de vogels $t_{j}$ ] $\left.t_{i}\right]$ heeft proberen fotograferen ${ }_{j}$
.. that Paula tried to photograph the birds.

Anticipating the discussion in the next section on VPR. I make note of the fact that in the dialects that incorporate VPR, the positioning of embedded complement NPs may also be affected by this process.

### 5.1.3.3 Verb Projection Raising

Summarizing, with strict $V R$, indicated by a strict ordering of the verbs and the compliance with the $\mathbb{P P}$-effect, the object- $\mathrm{NP}(\mathrm{s})$ are not allowed to penetrate the verbal complex as for example shown in example (27b) in the previous section. In contrast, in the languages and dialects that allow VPR , constructions like the one in (27b) do not give a ungrammatical result. In the G/B analysis vPr basically follows the Dutch vr pattern, but the clustering is not limited to the head of the VP only: part or the whole projection of the VP can be raised along as we can see in an example from West Flemish in (29), (cf. Haegeman 1992, 1995).
(29a) ..dat Karel nen boek an Paula [eet [willen geven]]
(b) ..dat Karel nen boek [eet [willen an Paula geven]]
(c) ..dat Karel [eet [willen nen boek an Paula geven]] that Karel has want a book to Paula give ..that Karel wanted to give a book to Paula.

In the G/B literature, VPR was first discussed by Haegeman \& Van Riemsdijk (1986); to date analyses vary (see for example Den Besten \& Edmondson 1983, Haegeman 1992, 1995, Den Dikken 1996). In $\$ 5.2$ we will see that Afrikaans allows for this type of construction to a certain extent, depending on the structure of the NP that gets raised along with the verb. Before that, we will first take a look at the treatment of the variation discussed above from the Minimalist point of view, in an analysis of Dutch, not as an SOV, but as an SVO language.

### 5.1.4 The description of the syntax of the Verb Phrase in the Minimalist approach

In Zwart (1993, 1997) the possibilities of explaining the different word order phenomena of the CWG languages and dialects are discussed within an MP approach (Kayne 1994, Chomsky 1995, 1998). The work by Zwart further differs from the authors mentioned above in that he takes the position that Dutch should be analyzed as a head-initial language (an SVO language). As exemplified in § 1.2 (example (2)), within the MP tree-structures are generated in a bottom-up fashion, whereby the licensing features that have to match with the lexical projections are realized higher (and linearly to the lef) in the structure (see § 1.2). Secondly, within the MP approach there are no rules that regulate or restrain movement, but every movement requires to be motivated by certain licensing conditions. These licensing requirements are defined in subsets of
features, which are language-specifically defined as weak or strong. ${ }^{13}$ In subsequent sections we will examine more closely how these ideas of strong and weak features operate. From these requirements it follows that there is no optional movement in any specific structure. Schematically sketched, an arbitrary point "Spell-Out" divides the derivation into two separate parts feeding the phonological component ( PF ) and the LF (semantic) representation. Operations which take place before Spell-Out are visible in the PF representation of the sentence (c.q. there is overt movement), whereas operations which take place after Spell-Out lead only to LF, and form part of the covert syntax (not visible by word order variation).

In contrast with the earlier G/B and P\&P approach, which puts demands and restrictions on the lexical categories (the operation termed "move $\alpha$ "), within the MP approach, the hierarchically higher functional projections attract the functional features of the lexical categories in defined terms; merely allowing for the movement of the lexical elements to these positions in overt syntax. The functional components with which the lexical items have to match consist of functional features ( $F$-features) which are language-specifically defined as [ $+/$-strong], to which the lexical item's F-features are attracted (overtly if the FP's feature is [ + strong], or covertly if it is [strong]). The F-features of the functional categories can belong to either one of two types, viz. V -features and N -features. The former have to agree with the corresponding F -feature of a lexical head ( $\mathrm{X}^{\circ}$ ) ("they trigger head movement"), and the latter, the N -features are connected to the checking of features associated with phrases (XPs), ("they trigger XP-movement", cf. Zwart 1993:92). Since feature checking is only possible in a sisterhood relationship, it follows that the $V$-features of $X^{\circ}$ can only be checked when this $X^{\circ}$ is adjoined to the relevant functional head. $N$ features on the other hand move to the specifier (Spec) position of the functional phrase. Thus, $V$-features are checked in a head-head configuration, and $N$-features in Spec-head configurations. For Dutch Zwart (1997) proposes that both the $V$ - and the $N$-features of the functional agreement phrases (AgrS/AgrO) are strong. This results in 'object-movement', on the assumption that [+strong] features must be checked before the Spell-Out point.

In this section I will review the basic derivation of the elements and their relocation to result in a grammatical (or so-called 'converging') structure.

In the SVO account objectival complements of the verb are base generated to the right of the verb. In this position, as we have seen above, they cannot be overtly realized in Dutch. Within the

[^128]MP their movement to the left of the verb is motivated by the requirement that the N -features must be checked (to be technically precise "they are attracted by the checking point"). As the Nfeature is defined [ + strong] in Dutch, the movement to the functional projection of the Agreement Object Phrase (AgrOP), projected at some point higher up in the structure, must take place in overt syntax, resulting in the correct surface order. In descriptive terms the checking operation of the N-feature, pied-pipes the lexical material along with it (Chomsky 1995), thus, showing the overt movement of an object NP to the specifier of the functional projection (AgrOP, in this case), which is in linear terms, to the left of the verb, basically giving the description the following look:

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\begin{align*}
& \text {..dat Karel [Agrop [VP koopt [ }{ }_{\mathrm{NP}} \text { het boek]] }  \tag{30}\\
& \text {..dat Karel [agrop het boek } \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{i}} \text { [vp } \mathrm{koopt}_{\mathrm{NP}} \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}} \text { ]] }
\end{align*}
$$

As mentioned above, all the MP regulates is firstly the generation of elements in head-complement or specifier-head relation. Secondly, it licenses these elements in their functional counterparts. Considering the vast variation in the verb clusters that exists in CWG variants (cf. Appendix III, (2)), the mechanism of triggers that have to allow, c.q. prevent movement is an intricate one, still the subject of further study, but the basic idea, for our purposes is an attractive one. From the viewpoint of Dutch as an SVO language, EXTRAPOSITION no longer exists as all the complements are base-generated to the right. Thus finite or infinitival sentential complement clauses are assumed to occupy their base position (31), with only the objectival NP-complements subject to displacement.
(31) $\left.\begin{array}{llll}{[\mathrm{vp} \mathrm{V}} & {[\mathrm{CP} \mathrm{C}} & {\left[_{\text {Agrop }}\right.} & \mathrm{NP}_{\mathrm{i}}\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{lll}\mathrm{vP} & \mathrm{V} & \left.\left.\left.\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}\right]\right] 1\right]\end{array}\right]$

In Dutch the process of Verb Raising also leaves the verbal elements in their base position, while the object(s) follow the regular pattern of having to move leftward to the hierarchically higher functional node(s), to be licensed by their respective functional heads (32).


The alternative word orders in the various CWG languages and dialects (see the examples in Appendix III, (2)), are derived as a result of raising and adjunction of the infinitive to the modal, perception or causative verb; each dialect or language having its own specifics for triggering or
procrastinating this movement in terms of weak and strong features as the MP specifically does not allow for optional movement. ${ }^{14}$ Alternate orderings in the grammar of one speaker are explained in terms of a certain degree of bilingualism, ascribed to purism and normative values (Zwart 1993:338). The Third Construction in this framework is likewise explained as an ordinary case of base-generated elements, i.e. the complement clause remains in situ, with only the objectival complements subject to movement. In this case however, the AgrOP is chosen outside the embedded clause. Thus, an analysis is proposed whereby the object of the embedded verb is licensed in the functional domain of the matrix verb.

In this same vein Verb Projection Raising (cf. (29), above) is analyzed in terms of a different distribution of the AgrOP licensing positions for the objectival complements in the structure (Zwart 1995, 1996:11).


This basically constitutes the view from a Minimalist approach to the mechanisms that can operate on the verbal complements and their objects. At the same time I must refrain from addressing the implications which arise from this view. Limiting the issue to the idea of the functional domain which attracts the lexical material, it can be established that the Agreement-FP (AgrSP, Agrop) is restricted to appear in "some place" to the left, (higher) than its lexical associate (cf. Zwart 1995, 1996). Yet, rules which could allow or prevent the generation of FPs across clause boundaries, as in the case of the Third construction and VR in contrast to VPR, are withheld from the logic by which the system functions (see for example the discussion in Zwart 1999, for a proposal accommodating Burzio's Generalization (Burzio 1986:178) within the current principles). To this extent the discussion further continues about the expanse which a VP complement to an auxiliary, modal or causative verb takes, or if the latter are of a (semi-) functional nature themselves. As shown in the VR examples, the verbs cluster together,

[^129]impenetrable for any other constituent. ${ }^{15}$ With this caveat, I will return to the structural possibilities and consequences purported by the view of the CWG languages as SVO configurations adhering to the MP directives in subsequent sections. Before that, I will review the options that exist in Afrikaans for the positioning of verbal non-finite complements in comparison to Dutch according to the outlines sketched above.

### 5.2 Verbal non-finite complements in Afrikaans

### 5.2.1 Introduction

In the following sections I will show that the syntax of verbal infinitival complementation in Afrikaans largely follows the Continental West Germanic languages. Verb Raising exhibits even stricter results in word order than Standard Dutch requires, (to be discussed in §5.2.2); to a certain extent Verb Projection Raising (VPR) is an available option too ( $\$ 5.2 .3$ ). Extraposition occurs with the same regularities as described in the previous section for Dutch: it is an obligatory process ( $35 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ) and the extraposed clause is an island for A-movement (35c), while $\overline{\mathrm{A}}$-movement is permitted (35d).

| (35a) | *..dat hy that he | [om 'n liedjie te sing] <br> for a song to sing | geprobeer het tried has |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | ..dat hy | [ $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ ] | geprobeer het [om 'n liedjie te sing] |
| (c) | *. .dat hy | ['n liedjie] ${ }_{\text {i }}$ | geprobeer het [om [ $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ ] te sing] |
| (d) | $[\text { Wat }]_{i}$ het | hy | geprobeer [om [ $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ ] te sing] |

At first sight it may appear as if the categories of verbs in Afrikaans can be sorted along the same lines as in Dutch. At closer inspection, a different picture emerges as a number of restrictions seem to hold. Firstly, Afrikaans has developed different strategies for the category of verbs that take an infinitival te-complement, for example the equivalents of the Dutch verbs behoren (should/ought to/ have to), schijnen (seem), hoeven (negative hortative), and staan (to stand). We will take a look at these structures individually in the paragraphs 5.2 .4 (te-infinitives), and 5.2.5 where I will discuss the so-called Verbal Hendiadys construction. The restrictions on the location

[^130]of the temporal auxiliary het (have) will play a crucial role in some cases. In the previous sections it was shown that in Dutch, both VR and the Third Construction give a result whereby the complement object-NPs are realized main clause internally, while both Extrapositron and VPR result in structures where the nominal constituents materialize in the complement clause. The determining factor for this differentiation was the infinitival form versus the participial form of the complement verb in the cluster. We will see shortly that Afrikaans does not maintain a uniform delineation in this respect. Before I turn to these facts, I will briefly examine one other idiosyncratic aspect in the syntax of Afrikaans about the positioning of complement NPs.

### 5.2.1.1 NP placement

The free word orders as referred to in the previous section for Dutch in example (11) in §5.1.2 above, repeated here in Afrikaans in (36) are in principle all available.

| (36a) | Karel het | waarskynlik | gister | vir Paula | die boek | gegee |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Karel has | probably | yesterday | to Paula | the book | given |
| (b) | Karel het | waarskynlik | vir Paula | gister | die boek | gegee |
| (c) | Karel het | waarskynlik | vir Paula | die boek | gister | gegee |
| (d) | Karel het | vir Paula | waarskynlik | gister | die boek | gegee |
| (e) | Kare het | vir Paula | waarskynlik | die boek | gister | gegee |
| (f) | Karel het | vir Paula | die boek | waarskynlik | gister | gegee |

Karel probably gave Paula the book yesterday.

In the examples in (36) we see that in Afrikaans vir is being used with the dative object. Dutch also takes dative object prepositions, viz. aan or voor, similar, although not quite identical in syntax to English 'to' and 'for'. In Afrikaans the use of vir has expanded in this area of the syntax, making aan practically redundant. Secondly, vir can precede an accusative object NP (cf. § 2.5.1.3). Although generally this is an optional choice (Raidt 1969, 1976, Ponelis 1993:265-266, Molnárfi 1997), one un-Germanic restriction holds in the case where a [thuman]-accusative object NP appears in the clause, in what would traditionally be its base position, adjacent to the governing verb (Larson 1988). In this case the object-marker vir becomes obligatory as shown in ( $37 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ). In a scrambled position (see $\S 5.1 .2$ for exposition of the term) the object marker is optional ( $37 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ). Although not acceptable to all speakers, the use of vir with a [-human]-object NP gives the NP an affective, personalized value (37e), (cf. Raidt 1976). The use of vir with
indefinite object NPs results in an ungrammatical sentence (375).

| (37a) | FEk | het | gister | Paula (haar) |  | gesien |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (b) | Ek | het | gister | vir Paula (haar) |  | gesien |
| (c) | Ek | het |  | Paula (/haar) | gister | gesien |
| (d) | Ek | het |  | vir Paula (haar) | gister | gesien |
|  | I | have |  | for Paula | yesterday | seen |
| (e) | Ek | het | gister | (\#vir) die blou skoenlappertjiegesien |  |  |
|  | I | have | yesterday | for the blue butterfy | seen |  |
| (d) | *Ek | het | gister | vir 'n meisie | gesien |  |
|  | I | have | yesterday | for a girl | seen |  |

The data in (37a-d) show that a [thuman]-object NP consisting of a proper noun or personal pronoun, ${ }^{16}$ obligatorily scrambles to a higher position in the clause. It can only surface adjacent to the governing verb (or verb cluster) if preceded by the object marker vir ( $37 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ). Thus far it is unclear what causes this restriction in the grammar, whether the phenomenon is related to Case assignment or to focus, or perhaps to both. ${ }^{17}$ In the traditional G/B framework the analysis of this restriction is hard to reconcile with the basic assumption that object-NPs (c.q. all DPs, be it proper nouns, indefinite NPs and definite NPs) must be adjacent to the verb in order to receive Case (cf. Larson 1988, 1990). In an MP analysis the description would seem to be less complicated in terms of the (non)-availability of an AgrOP immediately to the left of the verb for [+human]/[-DEF]NPs; the core of the problem remains the same of course.

For our present purposes this restriction in the grammar furnishes us with a diagnostic to determine if an object-NP is in its base position or higher in the clause, as the absence of the
${ }^{16}$ Some gradience seems at play as shown in (i) (Hester Waher p.c.: of. ( 37 f) and footnote 17, below).
ia. Ek het gister (vir) die mense gesien
b. ? (/\#) Ek het gister hom gesien

See also the syntactic-semantic characterization of vir in Molnarfi 1997. The non-uniformity of judgements in the syntax of Afrikaans also feature in this respect (cf. § 1.1.1), witness Molnárfi (op.cit:93) judges (ib) ungrammatical in Afrikaans.

[^131]ia. *Jan het gister PIET gesien
b. $\quad$ Jan het GlSter Plet gesien
object marker vir gives an ungrammatical result in the presence of adverbs in the main clause when it is placed adjacent to its governing verb. Given this datum we have to infer that in a sentence as (38) the accusative-object NP has, likewise, moved to a higher position, non-adjacent to its governing verb. ${ }^{18}$

| (38) | Ek | het | Paula $_{i}$ | $\left[t_{i}\right]$ | gesien |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I | have | Paula |  | seen |  |

### 5.2.1.2 Outline of infinitival complements

To summarize the types of constructions that we can expect to find: one category of verbs will allow only for sentential complements (with both the overt presence of the complementiser om and the infinitival marker te, (Dutch category B, in Appendix III). A next class of verbs takes on a bare infinitival complement and enters into a VR construction (Dutch category A, in Appendix III). Generally, both in Afrikaans and in Dutch we observe a strict word order and the occurrence of the IPP-effect in the perfect tense. As a sub-type of VR, in VPR certain non-verbal material enters into the cluster. A third class of verbs in Dutch allows for its complement to be extraposed without the complementiser (om) overtly realized in the surface string (Appendix III, category C and D ). The infinitives in the complement of these verbs are preceded by the infinitival marker $t e$. NP-complements that belong to the embedded clause in this construction remain clause internal, as is the case with Extraposition of the complement clause. In the instances where the embedded object(s) appear in the higher clause, the analysis is, that LDS up to this position has taken place. This construction is known in the literature as the Thrd Construction (see § 5.1.3.2).

Thus in Dutch, a verb like for example proberen (to try), (Appendix III, category C) can enter in all three kinds of constructions, resulting in the following surface strings:
(39a) ..dat Paula heeft geprobeerd om aan Karel de brief te schrijven
(b) *..dat Paula aan Karel heeft geprobeerd om $t_{i}$ de brief te schrijven
(c) ..dat Paula heef geprobeerd aan Karel de brief te schrijven

[^132](d) ..dat Paula aan Karel heeft geprobeerd $t_{i}$ de brief te schrijven
(e) ..dat Paula aan $\mathrm{Karel}_{i}$ de brief $_{j}$ heeft geprobeerd $t_{i} t_{j}$ te schrijven
(f) . dat Paula aan Karel de brief $\left.t_{i}[\text { heeft proberen] te schrijven] }]_{i}\right]$
(g) *..dat Paula $t_{i}$ [heef proberen [aan $K$ arel die brief te schrijven] $]_{i}$ ] that Paula tried to write Karel a letter.
(39a) illustrates Extraposirion of the complement clause, (39b) shows that movement of the object NPs into the higher clause gives an ungrammatical result. (39c) is analyzed as the Third Construction, whereby LDS of the object NPs shows a mixed result in surface orders (39d, e). (Recall that the ThirdConstruction is a variant of Extrapostion, whereby the object(s) "scrambles Long Distance", back into the main clause.) In (39f) the VR construction and in (39g) a VPRconstruction is illustrated; the latter gives an ungrammatical result in Standard Dutch.

Then again, for example the verb zeggen (to say), allows for Extraposition of its clausal complement besides having a positive value for the feature [LDS]. Conversely, semantically related verbs like schreenwen (to cry/scream) or fluisteren (to whisper), only form a grammatical string if their clausal complement is extraposed. They have a negative value for the feature [LDS]. In the class of verbs that demand Verb Raising and which do not allow any of the other type of constructions (category A, Appendix III, (1)) we find the modal verbs, auxiliary verbs, the verbs of perception, causative verbs and the semi-aspectual verbs, amongst a few others. This homogenous group in Dutch, has become divided along different lines in Afrikaans, as will be shown in the next sections.

### 5.2.2 Bare infinitival complements

The classification of the Afrikaans verbs falls out along different lines from Dutch. We will take a look at the operative mechanisms in Afrikaans following the outline of the Dutch classification in the previous sections, starting with those verbs that take bare infinitival complements.
5.2.2.1 The mechanism of Verb Raising implemented for Afrikaans: the positioning of auxiliary verbs

Prma facie, Afrikaans can be classified as being a strict $\mathrm{VR}^{19}$ language like its Dutch superstrate ( $\$ 5.1 .3 .1$ ). VR with verbs of perception, causative verbs, control verbs and modal verbs follows the regular model as presented for Dutch, with rightward movement of the most embedded verb, which can take place in a recursive fashion:

| (40) ..dat hy die boek | [kan | [probeer lees] ] |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| that he the book | can | try | read |



On closer inspection it exhibits one striking exception to the rule of Vr: the auxiliaries het ( $<$ Dutch: hebben, 3S: heeft, 'to have'), iswees (<Dutch: zijn/wezen, 3S: is, 'to be') and word (<Dutch: worden, 3S: wordt, passive auxiliary) always have to appear clause finally (41). Thus, clusters in Afrikaans with these verbs surface in mixed O-V, V-O order.
$\left.\begin{array}{cccc}\begin{array}{c}\text {..dat hy } \\ \text { that } \\ \text { he }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { die boek } \\ \text { the book }\end{array} & \begin{array}{cl}\text { try } \\ \text { try }\end{array} & \text { read }\end{array}\right]$ het]

In fact, Afrikaans shows far stricter orders than Dutch, as first noted by Scholtz (1980). When only two verbs cluster Dutch can alternate between an $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{V}$ or $\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{O}$ sequence as I have shown in the previous section; the relevant examples are repeated here in (42). ${ }^{20}$

| (42a) | ..dat hij | het boek | kan lezen | $\|1-2\|$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (b) | ..dat hij | het boek | lezen kan | $12-1 \mid$ |
|  | ..that he can read the book. |  |  |  |

[^133]| (c) dat hij het boek | heeft | gelezen | $[1-2 \mid$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (d)dat hij het boek gelezen | heeft | $[2-1 \mid$ |  |  |
|  | ..that he has read the book. |  |  |  |

Afrikaans does not have these alternatives: it exhibits strict ordering in opposite directions for regular vR with modal, causative and perception verbs versus VR with the temporal auxiliary as shown in (43) and (44)

| (43a) ..dat hy die boek | kan lees | $[1-2]$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (b) | *..dat hy die boek | lees kan | $[2-1]$ |  |
|  | ..that he can read the book. |  |  |  |
| (44a) | *..dat hy die boek | het gelees | $[1-2]$ |  |
| (b) | ..dat hy die boek | gelees het | $[2-1 \mid$ |  |
|  | .that he has read the book. |  |  |  |

In this respect Scholtz (1980:98) makes note of the fact that, from an historical perspective, the obligatorily sentence final appearance of the temporal auxiliary (het) was already an established feature of Afrikaans towards (al teen) 1775, whereas the V-O or O-V alternation (as in contemporary Dutch) with the other vr-verbs was still profuse in the nineteenth century. He infers that if this development were the result of an attempt to write correct Dutch, it is strange that it should be managed in the one case, but not in the other. ${ }^{21}$

The little variation that we do find in present-day Afrikaans in choice of $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{V}$ or $\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{O}$ ordering (cf. (46c), (47c), infra), is most likely the result of purism of the language which has had its onset at the turn of the twentieth century when Afrikaans became recognized as an official language (cf. a.o. Nienaber ed., 1974, Spruyt 1896, Van Niekerk 1920 for contemporary considerations; Roberge (1992a,b) for an extensive Rückschau over events.) The tendency then, was to look back at the Dutch superstrate wherever problems arose, and certain cases are clearly identifiable as vernederlandsing (Dutchifications), cf. Uys 1983, De Villiers 1971:58, 95.

In Dutch inversion is an optional feature in a two-verb cluster (see example (41) above), clusters

[^134]that contain a participial form can also vary in their linear surface order (cf. \$5.1.3.1). And, although certain word orders in the Dutch data in the examples (45)-(47), have a definite colloquial flavor, and are not always possible for all speakers, the generally preferred order being [1-2-3], they are not ungrammatical (cf. Appendix 1II, (2)).

| (45a) | .dat <br> that | hy | dit |  | kon | gelieg | het |  | Afrikaans [1-3-2] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | he | if |  | can | prevaricate | have |  |  |
| (b) | * dat | hy | dit |  | kon |  | het | gelieg | [1-2-3] |
| (c) | ..dat | hij | het |  | kan |  | hebb | gelogen | Dutch [1-2-3] |
| (d) | dat | hij |  | gelogen | kan |  | hebb |  | [3-1-2] |
| (e) | ..dat | hij | het |  | kan | gelogen | hebb |  | [1-3-2] |


| (46a) | dat that | $\begin{aligned} & \text { dit } \\ & \text { it } \end{aligned}$ |  | ingedruk pushed in | moes <br> have to | word <br> be |  | rikaans [3-1-2] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | *. .dat | dit | moes |  |  | word | ingedruk | $\|1-2-3\|$ |
| (c) | ?..dat | dit | moes | ingedruk |  | word |  | [1-3-2] |
| (d) | ..dat | het | moest |  |  | worden | ingedrukt | Dutch [1-2-3] |
| (e) | ..dat | het |  | ingedrukt | moest | worden |  | [3-1-2] |
| (f) | dat | het | moest | ingedrukt |  | worden |  | [1-3-2] |


| (47a) | $\begin{gathered} \text {. dat } \\ \text { that } \end{gathered}$ | dit |  | vertaal <br> translate | $\begin{aligned} & \text { kan } \\ & \text { can } \end{aligned}$ | word be | Afrikaans [3-1-2] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | *. .dat | dit | kan |  |  | word vertaal | [1-2-3] |
| (c) | ?. dat | dit | kan | vertaal |  | word | [1-3-2] |
| (d) | ..dat | het | kan |  |  | worden vertaald | Dutch [1-2-3\| |
| (c) | .. dat | het |  | vertaald | kan | worden | [3-1-2] |
| (f) | ..dat | het | kan | vertaald |  | worden | [1-3-2] |

The ordering of the verbs in the passive voice as in (46c) and (47c) can be used by some speakers according to Ponelis (1979:518). However other authors do not mention this option as a possible sequence of the verbs (De Villiers 1971:27) or solely as an irregular choice (Smuts 1967:462). The sequence as in $(46 \mathrm{c}, 47 \mathrm{c})$ can be found in older literary texts (for example in work of the author Boerneef) and is perceived as a scholarly register.
5.2.2.2 Verb Raising with modal verbs

In the previous section we have seen that vr, as far as modal verbs are concerned, strictly follows the rule which adjoins the embedded verb to the right of the higher verb. Unlike in Dutch, Afrikaans strictly obeys the VR-rule also in a two-verb cluster (cf. (43) above). Where two modal verbs plus a main verb enter the mechanism, no deviation from this model has a grammatical result with the same meaning, akin to Dutch, as shown in (48). In the cluster where two or more other verbs are embedded under the modal, again only one word order gives a grammatical result (49).

| (48a) | dat <br> that | Karel <br> Karel | sal will | kan <br> can | kom <br> come |  |  | \|1-2-3] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | *. .dat | Karel | kan | sal | kom |  |  | \|2-1-3] |
| (49a) | ..dat | Karel | dit | kan |  | probeer | doen | $\left(1-2-\left.3\right\|^{22}\right.$ |
|  | that | Karel | it | can |  | try | do |  |
| (b) | *. dat | Karel | dit | probeer |  | kan | doen | [2-1-3] |
| (c) | *. dat | Karel | dit | doen |  | probeer | kan | \|3-2-1] |

However, in a three-verb cluster containing the temporal auxiliary het this regularity of strict $\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{O}$ succession is disturbed, as there exists only one option for placement of the auxiliary: clause finally. Placement of het sentence finally is such a strong feature of Afrikaans, that Dutch sequences like the ones in (50), which differentiate the epistemic from the deontic (root) meaning of the modal verbs, no longer have a syntactic reflection in Afrikaans.
(50a) Karel [kan [hebben gezwommen]
It is possible, it can be the case that Karel was swimming.
(b) Karel [heeft [kunnen zwemmen]

Karel has been able to swim.

Translated into Afrikaans (50a) results in structures as in (51) in the subordinate and main clause, and (50b) is translated in sequences as in (52).

[^135]| (51a) | .dat | Karel | het | kan | hebben | gedaan |  | Dutch [1-2-3] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | *..dat | Karel | dit | kan | het | gedoen |  | Afrikans [1-2-3] |
| (c) | dat | Karel | dit | kan |  | gedoen | het | [1-3-2] |
| (d) | dat | Karel | dit | kon |  | gedoen | het | [1-3-2] |
| (e) | Karel <br> (..that) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { kon } \\ & \text { Karel co } \end{aligned}$ | dit uld have | ne it. |  | gedoen | het | [11.-3-2] |
| (52a) | dat | Karel | het | heeft | kunnen | (*ge)doen |  | Dutch [1-2-3] |
| (b) | *. dat | Karel | dit | het | kan/kon | (ge)doen |  | Afrikaans [1-2-3] |
| (c) | *? dat | Karel | dit |  | kan | gedoen | het | [2-3-1] |
| (d) | dat | Karel | dit |  | kon | gedoen | het | [2-3-1] |
| (e) | dat | Karel | dit |  | (*kan)/kon | doen | het | [2-3-1] |
| (f) | ..dat | Karel | dit |  | (*kan)/kon | doen |  | $[1-2]^{23}$ |
| (g) | ?Karel | het | dit |  | (*kan)/kon | (*ge)doen |  | $[1 . .-2-3]^{24}$ |
| (h) | Karel | kon | dit |  |  | *(ge)doen | het | [2..-3-1] |
| (i) | Karel | kon | dit |  |  | doen |  | [1..2] |

Note the examples in a subordinate clause in (51d) and (52d) have identical surface strings although they convey two distinct meanings, as well as the near impossibility in most Dutch dialects to commence the cluster with the second embedded verb (a [2-1-3] or [2-3-1] order; (cf. footnote 10, p.148). Likewise, (5le) and (52h) show identical surface orders in the main clause. Apart from the fact that this particular idiosyncrasy of Afrikaans is indeed hard to reconcile with any description of the syntax of Germanic languages, imposing and maintaining the VR analysis presented here, this results in the "wrong" verb: the second most embedded verb (i.c. the modal verb $\mathrm{kan} / \mathrm{kon}$ instead of the finite verb, the temporal auxiliary het) being moved to the $\mathrm{v} / 2$ position. In subsequent paragraphs similar data, in which het as the finite verb in the clause seems

[^136]prevented from reaching the $v / 2$ position, are reviewed. Anticipating that discussion, a sequence as in ( 52 g ) is experienced by most speakers of Afrikaans as an archaic or formal style: perhaps under the influence of Dutch, it occasionally occurs in written texts, for example in texts from the author Breyten Breytenbach. The normal, generally preferred expression of the deontic meaning of a modal verb is as in (52i): without the temporal auxiliary present in the clause.

I make further note of the occurrence of what would have to be described as the equivalent of an "infinitive in the imperfective tense", such as the form kon (could) in the examples above. The present tense/infinitival form of this modal verb is kan (can), but apparently, where the modal verb is embedded under the temporal auxiliary het the expected infinitival form gives an ungrammatical result in the embedded clause ( $52 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ). In the main clause, according to De Villiers (1971:58) the two forms of the modal verb exist next to each other as practically equivalent grammatical lemma. He describes the choice to a difference between the written language (in which the 'imperfective'form would be preferred), and the spoken language (predominantly using the 'present tense'form). He notes that the imperfective form can even be used in infinitival clauses introduced by an overt complementiser, as in (53), (De Villiers 1971:30-31).
(53a) Om die werk te kon gee, is geldelike steunontvang..
For the work to was able give, was financial aid received....
In order to award the work, financia! aid was received from...
(b) Sy sou veel eerder dood wou gewees het as om brood te moes bedel She would much sooner dead wanted been have than for bread to had beg She had rather died then have had to beg for bread.

Apart from constructions in which the modal verb is used in its epistemic meaning, and in the case where two modal verbs are combined, the modal verb takes on the highest position in the hierarchy of the verbal complex (cf. example (94), p.181). It in turn can select its own complement from all the verbal classes that will be discussed in the remainder of this chapter.
5.2.2.3 Verb Raising with verbs of perception and causative verbs

The verbs of perception and causative verbs follow essentially the same pattern as described in the previous section for the modal verbs: strict VR with rightward movement of the embedded verb, rendering strict V-O order. Irrespective of the status of the complement verb, the subject
of the complement verb receives accusative case from the higher verb, by so-called Exceptional Case Marking (ECM).
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { (54a) . . dat hy haar die liedjie hoor sing } & {[1-2]} \\ \text {.. that he hears her sing a song. } & \\ \text { (b) .. dat hy hom sien speel } & {[1-2]} \\ \text {.. that he sees him play. } & \end{array}$

These verbs themselves in turn can be in the complement of the auxiliary verbs and the modal verbs, resulting in complexes of three or more verbs. Where the latter are concerned, the pattern is strictly V-O. When embedded under the temporal auxiliary (het) however, we again see that the temporal auxiliary cannot be realized but in the sentence final position, rendering a mixed surface order:

| (55a) ..dat hy | Paula die liedjie hoor sing het |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ..that he | Paula the song | hear | sing has |

Strictly speaking, the IPP-rule is obeyed in the usual way. However, in the subordinate clause sequence, when the finite verb, the temporal auxiliary het, is not moved to the $\mathrm{v} / 2$ position a participial form can occur with the same ease as the uninflected form ( $56 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ). In the main clause the use of the participial form ( $56 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ) is judged as marked. ${ }^{25}$
(56a) ..dat hy Paula die liedjie gehoor sing het
(b) ..dat hy Karel gesien speel het
(c) \#Hy het Paula die liedjie gehoor sing
(d) \#Hy het Karel gesien speel

[^137]Conradie (1969) notices a similar contrast with multiple verb clusters in passive sentences, he as much as concludes that it is ungrammatical in Afrikaans to have the perfect tense of a passive string in a main clause ( $57 \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{~d}$ ) whereas no such restriction seems to hold for the embedded sentences (op.cil.:15).
(57a) .dat hy by die perdekopery ingewikkel geword het
(b) *Hy het by die perdekopery ingewikkel geword
.. *(that) he got involved in horse trading.
(c) ..dat hierdie doel ook deeglik bereik geword het
(d) *Hierdie doel het deeglik bereik geword
..*(that) this goal was reached well.

Anticipating the discussion $\S 5.2 .5$ of the so-called Linking Veris (henceforth: LV; Afrikaans: skakelwerkwoorde), an opposition between the main clause and subordinate clause as in (51), (52) and (57) could not be detected. But evidently, the participial morphology in VR-clusters with LVs can be carried by either the Linking Verb or by the Main Verb; in non-standard varieties also on both verbs (see Chapter Six, §6.3.4).

### 5.2.3 Verb Projection Raising

Before we turn to infinitival constructions that require what is traditionally called the 'infinitival marker' te in their complement, we will look at non-verbal XPs that can break up the verbal cluster. Recall, that VPr is not an option in Standard Dutch (§ 5.1.3.3), but typical of West-Flemish (WF) as illustrated in the examples in (58), (following Haegeman 1992:148).
(58a) *..da Karel woarschijnlijk [vp da boek vuor Paula kuopen] wilt West Flemish
(b) .da Karel woarschijnlijk wilt [vp da boek vuor Paula kuopen]
that Karel probably wants that bock for Paula buy
(c) ..da Karel woarschijnlijk da boek wilt [vp vuor Paula kuopen]
..that Karel probably that book wants for Paula buy
(d) ..da Karel woarschijnlijk da boek vuor Paula wilt [vp kuopen]
..that Karel probably that book for Paula wants buy
.. that Karel probably wants to buy that book for Paula.

In the SOV analysis of WF (58a) is the underlying order, assuming wilt takes a VP complement. from which the various surface orderings are derived. In (58b) the whole embedded VP, including both the direct and indirect object is raised to the right of the modal verb by VPR; in ( 58 c ) the direct object remains $m$ sift and a part of the VP, the indirect object PP and the verb are raised to the right of the modal verb, while in (58d) we have an instance of normal VR as found in Standard Dutch where only the embedded verb raises to the modal verb, leaving its objects sentence internally behind. In a traditional analysis this difference is related to XP-movement in the VPR-construction vs. $\mathrm{X}^{\circ}$-movement of the verb in the VR-construction (Haegeman 1992, Den Dikken 1996; see also Wurmbrand 1998).

To commence this section, I note the fact that it is not so easy to establish whether VPR has applied because Afrikaans also has a (limited) possibility to apply verb-second in subordinate clauses. The examples in (59) thus can be analyzed both ways.
(59a) .. as hulle moet water mors
..if they have to spill water.
(b) ..as hulle probeer water mors
..if they try to spill water.
(c) ..as hulle staan water mors
.. if they are (standing) spilling water.

The basic structure (60a) can be analyzed as if vPr took place, as demonstrated in (60b) or that the verb was moved to the $\mathrm{v} / 2$-position as shown in (60c):

| (60a) | $D S^{26}$ | *..as hulle | [VP | water mors] | moet |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | VPR | . . as hulle | [VP | $t_{i}$ | moet | [water mors] |
| (c) | v/2 | . as hulle m | [VP | water mors] | $t_{i}$ |  |
|  |  | ..if they hav | 1 w |  |  |  |

Capturing these facts within an MP analysis, taking the language to be basically SVO with differences in the distribution of AgrOPs (see $\S 5.1 .4$ ), in principle the following structures could be assigned to (59a):

[^138]| DS | ICP as hulle [Agrs | [Agro |  | [VP | moet |  | mors | water 11] |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| v/2 | [CP as hulle [ AgrS moet, | [Agro | water ${ }^{\text {j }}$ | [VP | $t$ |  | mors | 4 | 11. |
| VPR | [CP as hulle \| Agrs |  |  | [VP | moet | [Agro water, | mors | $t_{j}$ | III |
| VPR | $2] \mathrm{CP}$ as hulle [AgrS moet |  |  | [VP | $t_{i}$ | [AgrO water ${ }^{\text {j }}$ | mors | ${ }_{\text {t }}$ | 111 |

Anticipating further discussion in subsequent sections relating to the diagnosis of VPR or $v / 2$, it can be mentioned that in Afrikaans no element can appear between the verb in the $v / 2$-position and the subject, in (main clause) inversion constructions (cf. footnote $18, \mathrm{p} .158$ ), whereas in Dutch such examples are not ungrammatical (Zwart 1993:48).
(61a) Paula kussen vandaag de jongens vaak
Dutch Today the boys often kiss Paula.
(b) Waarom kust altijd Karel Paula?

Why is Karel forever kissing Paula?
(c) *Paula soen vartag die seuns dikwels

Afrikaans
(d) *Hoekom soen altyd Karel (vir) Paula?

Hence, when an adverb intervenes between the verb and the subject in a sequence as in (62) we can be certain that we are dealing with VPR and not with a verb-second structure. ${ }^{27}$
(62) ...[cp as hulle [advp nou [vp moet [Agrop water ${ }_{i}$ ] mors] $\left.\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}\right]$ ]]

This is a second diagnostic datum to determine where the elements should be located in Afrikaans structures. Recall that the first was discussed in $\$ 5.2 .1 .1$, namely the requirement that vir precedes specific object-NPs when separated from the finite verb in the main clause or from the subject-NP in the subordimate clause.

### 5.2.3. I Verb Projection Raising including Noun Phrases

We presently return to the syntax of VPR-constructions. As mentioned above Arrikaans allows for full VPR structures, however with restrictions which seem to depend on the categorial extension

[^139]of the non-verbal material that is included, as will be reviewed below. The equivalents of the West Flemish VPR ranges as in (58) above, are only partly grammatical in Afrikaans (63).

| (63a) | *..dat | Karel | waarskynlik | wil | [daardie boek | vir Paula | koop] |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | ..that | Karel probably | wants that boek | for Paula | buy |  |  |
| (b) | \#..dat | Karel waarskynlik | daardie boek | wil | [vir Paula | koop] |  |
|  | .. that | Karel probably | that book | wants for Paula | buy |  |  |
| (c) | ..dat | Karel | waarskynlik | daardie boek | vir Paula | [wil koop] |  |
|  | .. that | Karel | probably | that book | for Paula | wants buy |  |

..that Karel probably wants to buy that book for Paula.

Acceptability seems to bear on the particular matrix verb. Examples with the modal verb moeten (must) are more readily accepted than with willen (want); for example ( 63 b ) with the verb moeten instead of willen is accepted by all my informants (see example (76), p.174). The direct Linking Verbs, which are discussed in detail in $\S 5.2 .5$, allow for this construction most freely. In examples, the division runs along the following lines:

VPR is allowed with bare NPs (64):
(64a) ..as hulle nou moet water mors
(b) ..as hulle nou probeer water mors
(c) ..as hulle nou staan water mors
..if they now must/try/stand spill water.

NPs that are modified by adjectivals (65):
(65a) ..as hulle daar moet goeie onderwys gee
(b) ..as hulle daar probeer goeie onderwys gee
(c) ..as hulle daar staan en goeie onderwys gee ..if they must/try/stand give good education there.

NPs that are modified by prepositional complements (66):
(66a) ..of ons sal kan koeke met vars room verkoop
(b) ..of ons sal probeer koeke met vars room verkoop
(c) ..of ons sal loop koeke met vars room verkoop ..if we shall canitry/walk sell cakes with fresh cream.

But VPR is not allowed when a determiner is present ${ }^{28}$ :
(67a) *..as hulle nou moet die koeldrank mors
(b) *..as hulle nou probeer die koeldrank mors
(c) *..as hulle nou staan (en) die koeldrank mors
..if they must/try stand spill the cooldrink.

Within the G/B framework arguments have been brought forward that NPs should be analyzed projecting a Functional Category: the Determiner Phrase (DP) (Abney 1987). In these terms we can settle the differences for VPR in Afrikaans, as far as the nouns are concerned, on excluding an overt lexical element in the DP assuming a structure as in (68).

[^140]ia. ..dat hulle nie sal die gedagte ondersteun nie
b. ..dat hulle sal nie die gedagte ondersteun nie ..that they will not the thought support not

In examples from spoken Afrikaans Feinauer 1987, quotes similar instances. Example (iia) could possibly be a case of VPR but the examples (iib-d) cannot be otherwise explained than as instances of $v / 2$ in the subordinate clause. as these are examples with only one verb, and, thus cannot be instances of $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{P}) \mathrm{R}$ (from Feinauer 1987, bylae IV).
iia. Verduidelik hoe werk die besigheid dat ek kan 'n plan maak Clarify how works the business that I can a plan make
b. Sy filosofie is dat ons aanvaar dinge His philosophy is that we accept things
c. Eksal bly tot ek seker is dat mie een van my seuns stel belang mie 1 will stay till sure is that not one of my sons shows interest not
d. ' $n$ Mens moet daarom sê dat Laingsburg het' $n$ unieke ligging one must MOD say that Laingsburg has a unique setting

The example from Ponelis as in (ia) is, in any case worse than (ib), (Hester Waher p.c.). I will consider this particular example as an instance of verb-second in the embedded clause as regularly attested with modal verbs in non-standard Afrikaans (see Chapter Six. § 6.4.2).
(68)


In this structure $D P$ is the highest functional projection in the noun phrase, and $D$ the highest functional head. The determiner is taken to be generated in D. XP in (68) can be an Adjectival Phrase or a Degree Phrase (cf. Corver 1991). From this analysis something in the line of an argument that only structures without overt lexical material in the functional projection of DP can enter into a Verb Promection Raising construction in Afrikaans can be proposed. Abney (1987) argues that the specifier of DP is filled by quantificational elements like all in all the books. These elements precede the determiner in Dutch as well (al de boeken). Adopting the structure in (68), quantificational elements are assumed to be in this position, and hence disallowed to enter the construction. In Afrikaans quantified NPs give a mixed result depending again on the matrix verb that is used (69).
(69a) .. as hulle nou moet baie water mors
(b) ..as hulle nou probeer baie water mors
..if they must try spill much water now.
(c) *..as hy nou begin baie siek word
.if he now begins to become very ill.
(d) *..as hulle nou staan baie water mors
..if they are spilling much water now.

The same element without the determiner present, as for instance in the case of mass nouns can, arguably, also be analyzed as alternatively occupying the XP position. The issue clearly needs further research, both evaluating the DP analysis as well as the syntax of Afrikaans VPR.
5.2.3.2 Verb Projection Raising with other constituents

On similar conditions as discussed in the previous section, Adjectival Phrases (APs) can occur inside a VPR cluster, firstly as bare adjectival phrases:
(70a) . of dit nog sal ligter word
(b) of dit probeer ligter word
(c) .of dit staan (en) ligter word
(as) if it willity/stands to become fighter.

Secondly, modified adjectival phrases, including APs modified with prepositional phrases allow VPR (71) but modification with grading elements as te (too), as (as), soos (such), so...dat (such...as) etc., are excluded (72):
(71a) ..of dit nog sal minder geel word
(b) ..of dit nog probeer minder geel word
(c) ..of dit nog staan minder geel word
..(as) if it will/tries/stands to get less yellow.
(d) ..dat dit nog sal op die ou end goed kom
..that it will turn out alright in the end.
(72a) *..dat dit sal te donker wees .that it shall be too dark.
(b) *. dat dit begin te moeilik word
..that it begins to become too difficult.

These data confirm the correctness of the basis for an analysis as proposed above in (68). As far as other constituents are concerned, VP-adverbials (AdvP) give a grammatical result (73), whereas sentence adverbials are not allowed to be included (74). But for the observation, 1 have no further suggestions to this.
(73a) ..of sy nog kan stilletifes verdwyn
(b) ..of sy nog probeer stilletjies verdwyn
(c) ..of sy loop stilletilies verdwyn
.. if she still canitriesisalks (fo) disappear quietly
(74a) *..of ek kan miskien hier bly
(b) *.. of ek probeer miskien hier bly
.if perhaps / con/try (fo) stay here.
(c) *..of ek staan miskien en kyk
..if perhaps I stand looking.

Prepositional predicates are generally allowed (75):
(75a) .dat hulle moet by die kantoor in kom
(b) .dat hulle probeer by die kantoor in kom ..that they must try to enter in the office.
(c) ..dat hulle loop (en) by die kantoor 'n draai maak ..that they walk visiting the office.

Prepositional objects are also allowed; (indirect) objects without the preposition are not (cf. § 5.2.1.1).
(76a) ..as Karel Paula 'n brief moet skryf
(b) ..as Karel moet *(vir) Paula 'n brief skryf
(c) ..as Karel moet 'n brief *(vir) Paula skryf
..if Karel has to send (for) Paula a letter.
(d) ..as Karel nou moet *(vir) Paula soen
(e) ..as Karel nou moet *(vir) haar soen
..if Karel now has to kiss (for) Paula.

As indicated, in some of the examples the judgements are not always the same for everybody. In this sense, Afrikaans seems to posit a continuum. The prepositional part of a separable compound verb in contemporary Standard Afrikaans is usually included in a V(P)R cluster (76a-f), (cf. Ponelis 1979:517). NPs as part of the separable compound verb still have the choice (77).
(77a) ..om uit te gaan
(b) *..om te uitgaan
(c) .om te kan uitgaan
(d) $\%$.om uit te kan gaan ${ }^{29}$
(e) *Hy uitgaan
(..for) to go out.
(78a) ..om perd te ry
(b) *..om te perd ry

[^141](c) .om te kan perd ry
(d) .om perd te kan ry
(e) *Hy perdry.
(.for) to ride horses.

In West Flemish it is not possible to include the subject of an ECM verb in the embedded clause in the VPR construction (79), in Afrikaans this is relatively acceptable (80). ${ }^{30}$
(79a) ..dat hij Karel laat het huis bouwen
West Flemish
(b) *..dat hij laat Karel het huis bouwen
..that he lets Karel build the house.
(80a) \#. dat hy laat Karel 'n huis bou
Afrikaans .. that he lets Karel build a house.
(b) \%..dat hy maak pa sy sondagsklere aantrek .. that he makes dad put on his Sunday clothes.
(c) \#.dat hy hoor Paula 'n liedjie sing
..that he hears Paula sing a song.

If we assume the same restriction to hold for Afrikaans, these must be analyzed as instances of embedded $v / 2$, but judgements as to more complicated examples vary widely.

### 5.2.4 Te-Infinitives, the Third Construction

The category of verbs in Dutch that take a " $t e$-infinitive" as complement is divided over two classes of verbs (listed in Appendix III, (1), in category C and D). In Afrikaans the verbs in the latter category can generally be said to have become re-listed in category $B$. In all cases the complementiser (om) is no longer optional, but must be overtly realized, blocking LDS per definition. The verbs listed for Dutch in category $C$ divide into two distinct classes in Afrikaans: those that take a bare infinitival complement parallel to Dutch category A verbs, and those that

[^142]have been identified within the Afrikaans philology as taking part in the so-called verbal hendiadys construction. This group takes the morpheme en instead of te as a preverbal marker and will be discussed separately in § 5.2.5.

Generally speaking te-infinitives are becoming rare. ${ }^{31}$ To start with, the verbs that appear in category C (Appendix III, (1)), all allow for ExTRAPOsmon, i.e. the construction with the complementiser om overtly present (81a, 82a). In Afrikaans this class of verbs, unlike its Dutch counterparts ${ }^{32}$ can also take a bare infinitival complement, ( $81 \mathrm{c}, 82 \mathrm{c}$ ):
(81a) Karel probeert om het werk te beginnen
(b) Karel probeert het werk te beginnen
(c) *Karel probeert het werk beginnen

Karel tries to start his work.
(82a) Karel probeer om die werk te begin
Afrikaans
(b) $\%$ Karel probeer die werk te begin
(c) Karel probeer die werk begin

It appears that in Afrikaans each verb has taken its own route and preferences; thus versuim (83) improves when $t e$ is overtly realized; begin en probeer become marginalized for most speakers and ( $82 b$ ) is not too readily accepted.
(83a) *..dat hy die boek sal versuim lees
(b) *..dat hy die boek versuim lees het
(c) ?..dat hy die boek sal versuim te lees
(d) ?..dat hy die boek versuim te lees het
.that he missed reading the book.

[^143]The verb begin (to begin), with a te-infinitive as complement clause, is generally accepted by most speakers. In contrast, the verb probeer (to try) shows a difference in acceptability between the main and subordinate clause. The construction in the main clause (as in 82 b , above) is far more readily accepted than the same construction in an embedded sentence, although, in general, it must be said that the resultant surface orders are judged very formal and archaic. In other words, they are judged as leftover remnants, c.q. imposed instances from the Dutch system. ${ }^{33}$ All judgements relating to the intended interpretation are at best "aanvaarbaar, maar seker ongebruiklik", (acceptable but certainly unusual, HesterWaher, p.c.), with, in the one case the extraposition structure the preferred option, in the other, VERb RaIsing as the favorite choice.

Other verbs that subcategorize for a $t e$-complement include $b l y k$ (appear), skyn (seem), durf (dare), behoort (ought to), hoef (negative hortative) and wens (wish). ${ }^{34}$ Aspectual verbs will be discussed in the next section as they show an innovative structure compared to Dutch. As far as the verbs mentioned above are concerned, the classification has undergone changes, albeit along regular available options. The verb blyk (appear), in Dutch allows only for Verb Raising, (84c), in Afrikaans this option is ruled out (85c) (Ponelis 1979: 224).
(84a) *Deze methode heeft gebleken de beste resultaten (op) te leveren
(b) *Deze methode heeft de beste resultaten gebleken (op) te leveren
(c) Deze methode heeff de beste resultaten blijken te leveren

This method appears to have given the best results.
(85a) Hierdie metode het geblyk die beste resultate te lewer
Afrikaans
(b) Hierdie metode het die beste resultate geblyk te lewer
(c) *Hierdie metode het die beste resultate blyk te lewer

Likewise, sky (seem) does not enter into a VR-cluster in Afrikaans (87c); in Dutch there is the

[^144]restriction that in the vR complex schijnen cannot appear in the complement of the temporal auxiliary (86b), in Afrikaans this restriction does not arise.
(86a) Hij schijnt de hele dag geslapen te hebben
Dutch
(b) *Hij heeft de hele dag schijnen te slapen

He seems to have slept the whole day.
(87a) Hy het geskyn die hele dag te slaap
Afrikaans
(b) Hy het die hele dag geskyn te slaap
(c) *Hy het die hele dag skyn (te) slaap

The obligatory sentence-final positioning of het, again gives constructions that combine with the temporal auxiliary an un-Germanic look as it appears that the participle is moved between $t e$ and the verb (88a). In Dutch the first verb in the complement of schijnen must be preceded by $t e$. Afrikaans 'excorporating' (c.q. not including) the temporal auxiliary het from the VR cluster, surfaces in an order, where $t e$ precedes the third embedded verb (88b).


In the next chapter I will re-address the fact, that the temporal auxiliary het shows this exceptional behavior where the mechanism of Verbraising is concerned. Further, blyk (appear) seems to allow for the THRD CONSTRUCTION type of complementation (89a), and marginally for VR when not embedded under the temporal auxiliary ( $(89 \mathrm{~b}$ ), in contrast to ( 85 c )):
(89a) Ek dink dat dit 'n fout blyk te gewees het
I think that this appears to have been a mistake.
(b) Hulle beweer dat hy ' $n$ beter leier sal blyk te wees

They say that he will prove to be a better leader.

The verbs wens (to wish), behoort (ought to), hoef (negative hortative) and durf (to dare) that take a te-complement, show irregular behavior with respect to the word order in the main clause
versus an embedded clause. In the complement of the temporal auxiliary (het) the familiar Afrikaans sequence, featuring het clause finally emerges; however, in the main clause the conclusion is forced that the "wrong" verb, i.e. not the finite verb (V1) but the embedded verb (V2) has moved to the $\mathrm{v} / 2$ position ( $90 \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}$ ) (cf. § 5.2.2.2). ExTRAPOSITION of the embedded clause (90a) is barely acceptable, while in VR-clusters the IPP seems to be optional (90b, c); VPR gives dubious results ( $90 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{e}$ ).
*..dat ek behoort het (\#om) die boek te koop
Afrikaans
(b) ..dat ek die boek behoort te koop het
(c) ..dat ek die boek behoort te gekoop het
(d) *..dat ek behoort 'n boek te koop het [1-te-3-2]
(e) ?..dat ek behoort 'n boek te gekoop het [1-te-3-2]
(f) *Hy het die boek behoort te koop [1..2-1e-3]
(g) *Hy het behoort die boek te koop
(h) Hy behoort die boek te gekoop het
(i) Hij heeft dat boek behoren te kopen Dutch [1..2-te-3]
(j) Hij behoorde dat boek gekocht te hebben ${ }^{35}$ [1..3-te-2]
He ought to have bought that book.
(91a) ?. dat ek nie gehoef het (\#om) die kinders te bad nie
Afrikaans
(b) ..dat ek die kinders nie gehoef te bad het nie
(c) ?..dat ek nie gehoef die kinders te bad het nie
(d) ..dat ek nie hoef die kinders te gebad het nie
(e) ..dat ek die kinders nie hoef te gebad het nie
(f) *Hy het nie gehoef die kinders te bad nie
(g) ?Hy het die kinders nie hoef te bad nie
(h) Hy hoef nie die kinders te gebad het nie
(i) Hij heeft de kinderen niet hoeven te wassen
(j) Hij hoefde de kinderen niet gewassen te hebben

He didn't have to bath the children.

[^145](92a) ..dat ek gedurf het (om) blomme te pluk
Afrikaans
(b) *..dat ek blomme gedurf te pluk het
(c) *..dat ek gedurf blomme te pluk het
(d) ?.dat ek durf blomme te pluk
(e) ?.dat ek blomme durf te pluk
(f) Hy het nie gedurf blomme te pluk nie
(g) Hy het nie blomme durf (*?te) pluk nie
(h) Hy durf nie blomme te gepluk het nie
(i) Hij heeft geen bloemen durven te plukken Dutch
(i) Hij durfde geen bloemen te hebben geplukt

He didn't dare to pick flowers.

Summarizing, the description of the data in this section is perhaps best characterized by stating that the Afrikaans system is regularizing towards infinitival complementation by either extraposition (c.q. base generation in the MP account) or by VR. A categorization of the verbs as in Appendix III, (1), for Afrikaans would eventually lead to a re-ordering into category $A$ and category $B$ only.

In the traditional SOV analysis of Dutch, the position of $t e$ has been accounted for by assuming that it is generated in INFL, and that INFL is located to the right of VP (see for example Evers 1990). On this assumption, the word-order $[t e-\mathrm{V}]$ is shown to be the result of movement of the verb to infl (cf. Rutten 1991).


However, te might not be generated in INFL (or, in the split infl analysis adopted here, in a Tense or Agreement head, as for example proposed by Robbers (1997:217)). Firstly the inflectional features of the infinitival verb are expressed by the suffix - $\partial$ (spelled -en in the Standard Dutch orthography). Secondly, as we have seen, not all the verbs that appear in an infinitival complement have to be preceded by te. Hence, the association of $t e$ with infl (Tense or Agreement) seems unmotivated. The presence of te is dependent on the configuration in which the infinitive
appears. ${ }^{36}$ There is no direct relation between the tense and agreement features of the infinitive and the presence of $t e$. Thus, $t e$ looks more like a complementiser than like a tense/agreement morpheme. In the SVO account of Dutch from the Minimalist view, only leftward movement is allowed and all functional projections are to the left in the structure. In this view the Verb Raising analysis as sketched above could be maintained if te is generated in a functional head other than INFL. However, since the status of this other functional head would be unclear, we cannot exclude that it would be located to the left of VP. ${ }^{37}$ And, in the next section we will see that in Afrikaans a sub-class of the aspectual verbs take the particle en, where in Dutch the infinitival marker is used. I will return to this issue in Chapter Six, in view of the ORA data from the present corpus.

The various classes of the verbs that have been discussed so far all can further combine together, whereby the temporal auxiliary, or the modal zullen in irrealis function (zou(den)), will be the highest in the hierarchy, followed by the modal verbs, the verbs of perception, the semi-aspectual verbs, then the aspectual verbs modifying the main verb as for example in (94), (ANS:609).
(94) Paula zou Karel weleens hebben willen zien durven blijven staan kijken Dutch Paula would Karel really once have want see dare remain stand look (at)
Paula would have really liked to have seen Karel daring to remain looking.

In the next section I will discuss the last category in this sequence: the aspectual verbs.

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### 5.2.5 The verbal hendiadys construction

In Afrikaans the aspectual verbs sit (to sit), lee (to lay), loop (to walk), staan (to stand), (also hang (to hang)) can enter into a configurational segment which, very unlike any West Germanic language or dialect seems to violate the $v / 2$ constraint. The aspectual verbs take either a bare infinitival complement in Afrikaans, a sub-class takes the particle en (referred to as the "binding particle" in the literature, cf. Ponelis 1979:242), where Dutch has the infinitival marker te.

| (95a) Hij staat een glas water | te | drinken | Dutch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Hy staan 'n glas water | en | drink | Afrikaans |
| He stand a glass water | to | drink |  |
| He is drinking a glass of water. |  |  |  |
| (b) Hij ligt naar de golven | te | kijken | Dutch |
| Hy le na die golwe | en | kyk | Afrikaans |
| He lies to the waves | to | look |  |
| He is looking at the waves. |  |  |  |

In the Afrikaans philology this structure is known as the Verbal Hendiadys construction. As shown in (96) the aspectual verb combined with the main verb evidently violates the Germanic $\mathrm{v} / 2$ constraint:
(96a) *Hij [staat (te) drinken] een glas water
Dutch
(b) *Hij [ligt (te) kijken] schielijk naar de golven
(c) Hy [staan (en) drink] 'n glas water

Afrikaans
(d) Hy [lê (en) kyk] skielik na die golwe

Although the binding particle en is homophonous with the conjunction element en (and) in Afrikaans, the construction cannot be analyzed as a conjunction (cf. Ponelis 1979:242, Roberge 1994b:46-50). Firstly the characteristics of conjunction structures (97) are absent in the hendiadys construction (98).
(97a) Hy lê en kyk na die golwe
(b) Hy lê. Hy kyk na die golwe.
(c) Hy lê en hy kyk na die golwe
(d) Hy lê maar/of hy kyk na die golwe
(98a) Hy lê na die golwe en kyk
(b) *Hy lê na die golwe en hy kyk
(c) *Hy lê na die golwe. Hy kyk
(d) *Hy lê na die golwe maar/of kyk

Secondly, in a conjunction structure the subject has to follow the first verb of the conjuncts, but can be omitted in the second clause. In the hendiadys construction the subject follows the second verb as shown in (99).
(99a) *Toen zat en breide zij de hele dag
Dutch
(b) Toen zat zij en breide de hele dag
(c) Toe sit en brei sy die hele dag Afrikaans Then she sat (down) and knitted the whole day.
(d) *In de middag staat en drinkt zij een glas water Dutch
(e) In de middag staat zij en drinkt een glas water
(f) In die middag staan en drink sy 'n glas water Afrikaans In the afternoons she stands and drinks a glass of water.

Thirdly in a conjunction of this type the conjunctive element cannot be omitted. The binding particle en can be omitted:
(100a) * Zij zat breide de hele dag
Dutch
(b) *Toen zat (zii) breide (zii) de hele dag
(c) Sy sit brei die hele dag Afrikaans
(d) Toe sit brei sy die hele dag

She sat knitting the whole day.

The suggestion that the hendiadys construction is a modelled on the conjoined structure, stems from Middle Dutch and Early Modern Dutch examples of this kind (101) ${ }^{38}$ However, it must be noted that in the Early Dutch examples both verbs carry Inflection and Tense ${ }^{39}$ and the placement

[^147]of the constituents is conform to the restrictions on coordinations as illustrated above in (97)(100).
(101a) Hy stont ende dachte
He stood and thought
(b) Noë lach ende sliep

Noahlay and slept
(c) hi sat ende at
he sat and ate
(d) hoe legddy so en preutelt
how lies-he so and prattle
(e) ..dat jij hier lecht en tabackt
..that you here lie and (smoke) tobacco

In ORA the hendiadys verbs can further combine with each other:
(102a) Ons het gelê stan gaan na Niemandsland Rademeyer 1938:87
We have layed stand go to Niemandsland
We went to Niemandsland ['No-one's land'].
(b) Ek en broer Oerson het gelê oor na die kantiense toe mit mening I and brother Oerson have layed across to the canteen to with intention sam om te lê stan bottel koop, want ons was dors. Rademeyer 1938: 125 together for to lay stand bottle buy, for we were thirsty
I and brother Oerson went over to the canteen in order to buy a bottle (spirits), for we were thirsty.

In Dutch these aspectual verbs are strict VR-verbs which in the present tense require their complement verb to be preceded by the element te. In non-standard varieties of Afrikaans and in older texts we also occasionally find $t e$ as a binding particle in this construction. ${ }^{40}$ In Dutch these

[^148]${ }^{40}$ However, as far as I have been able to ascertain the varieties that have te instead of $e n$ as a binding particle do not allow for a verb-second construction with the particle overtly included as in (i), (cf. 96c).
i. Hy staan (*te) drink 'n glas water

He stands to drink a glass water
verbs also form an exceptional group, as the infinitival marker te becomes optional, in fact not preferred by most speakers, when the aspectual verb is in the complement of the temporal auxiliary ( $103 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ).
(103a) Hij staat een glas water te drinken
(b) $\quad$ Hij staat een glas water drinken
(c) Hij heeft een glas water staan drinken
(d) Hij heeft een glas water staan te drinken regional Dutch He stood drinking a glass of water.

The verbs always show the IPP-effect in Dutch, in Afrikaans that requirement has been relaxed, although, only when the binding particle is present, as illustrated in (104). ${ }^{41}$
(104a) Hy het staan en lag
(b) Hy het gestaan en lag
(c) Hy het staan lag
(d) *Hy het gestaan lag

He stood laughing.

In ORA the occurrence of participial morphology is much relaxed. It can occur on either verb, as well as on both verbs (see further § 6.3.3).
(105a) Baie van die mense het geloop gesterwe van hartseer GA84:131
many of the people have walked died of sorrow
Many of the people (went and) died from sorrow.

In VPR constructions the nominal constituents that can be incorporated in the cluster are subject to the same restrictions as typified in § 5.2.3. In the interaction with $v / 2$ neither NPs nor particles can be included (106).

[^149](106a) *Hy loop perdry die hele dag Hy loop ry perd die hele dag He is horse riding the whole day.
(b) *Hy lê omdraai die hele nag

Hy lê draai die hele nag om
He is turning around the whole night.

Besides the verbs discussed in this section most of the verbs that can be classified as strict VRverbs in Dutch have the option to appear in the $\mathrm{v} / 2$ slot with their (single) complement verb. However, apart from the verbs discussed above, they cannot combine with the binding particle en. In the literature they are described as the group of the "direct linking" verbs (as opposed to the verbs described above, which are characterized as the "indirect linking verbs"). Ponelis (1979:244) lists: basta (stop), beter (better), laat (let), begin (begin), aanhou (continue), bly (stay, remain), ophou (stop), gaan (go), kom (come), help (help), leer (learn) and probeer (try). Some examples in (107).
(107a) Kom kuier julle nog
come visit you again
Will you come for a visit?
(b) Gaan draf Hansie elke aand?
go jog Hans every evening
Is Hansie jogging every evening?
(c) Vir wat laat val jy die piesangs
for what let fall you the bananas
Why are you dropping the bananas?
(d) Sy leer ken ons tuinblomme
she learn know our garden-flowers
She is getting to know our garden plants.

With the survey of this imnovative pattern in Afrikaans, I conclude this chapter. In the next chapter VP structures as realized in nineteenth-century Orange River Afrikaans are evaluated.

## 6 The Verb Phrase in Oorlam-Nama Hollands and Orange River Afrikaans

### 6.1 Introduction

There is no dispute that the major typological feature that sets the Continental West Germanic languages apart is the verb-second constraint. It is also this particular feature that isolates present-day Afrikaans from other creole languages, which almost invariantly have turned to an SVO pattern (see Chapter Two, § 2.2). Den Besten (1978:45) has suggested that the reason that Afrikaans maintained its SOV order, as well as the verb-second rule, ${ }^{1}$ must be attributed to substrate influence (see also Den Besten 1986, 1987a, 2000a, 2000b). Since in the Minimalist Program it is assumed that all languages are SVO, this typological property is rephrased into different strategies for constituent movement (see § 1.2 and §5.1.4). In this chapter I will discuss the argumentation in the light of the data found in the present corpus of letters from the Oorlam-Nama leader Jan Jonker Afrikaner. Before I investigate the ORA data in detail in § 6.3, I present an overview of the basic syntax of Nama, the closest variety of a surviving substrate language of Afrikaans (cf. § 3.2).

### 6.2 The substrate Nama

As discussed in Chapter Three, it remains hard to determine which other languages the nineteenthcentury Oorlam-Nama population had the command of. Moreover, none of the Khoesan languages survive today, but for Nama, a member of the Khoekhoe group of languages (see §3.2). With the reservations raised in Chapter Three, there is no other choice but to refer back to the syntax of contemporaneous Nama as a comparative source for substrate influence, both with regard to the shaping of the Cape Dutch Vernacular as well as nineteenth-century Orange River Afrikaans.

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### 6.2.1 Aspects of Nama syntax

### 6.2.1.1 Nama word order

Nama, like Dutch, is typologically classified as an SOV language. Although copious permutations of the clausal constituents are possible, the clause-final appearance of, for example, the complementiser characterizes it as a strict OV language (infra). The verbal conjugation is primarily determined by Tense, Mood and Aspect particles in the sentence. Nouns are identified by Person-Gender-Number markers (henceforth: PGN markers), and theta roles can also be carried by subject and object clitics on the verb. Otherwise word order is free, basically determined by topic-focus relations, the only restriction being that temporal particles cannot appear clause initially (Rust 1965:101). Declarative sentences center around the particle $G E^{2}$ which reinforces the prominence of the subject (Rust, op. cit.). In certain word orders the particle is optional, sometimes not preferred (indicated by \# in (ld)). $G E$ leads to ungrammatical results in interrogative sentences and subordinate clauses. In (1) an overview of the general word order variation and clitic placement.

| (la) SUBJECT - | $G E$ | - | OBJECT | - TENSE | - VERB |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (b) | SUBJECT - | $G E$ | - | - TENSE | -VERB+OBJECTSUFFLX |
| (c) OBJECT - SUBJECTSUFFLX | $-(G E)$ | -TENSE | -VERB |  |  |
| (d) | VERB -OBJECTSUFFIX -SUBJECTSUFFIX (\#GE) | -TENSE |  |  |  |

As indicated in Chapter Three (example (2), p.91), Rust (1965:57) distinguishes the word order (Grundformen der Wortfolge) in (1a,b) as Stellung $A$ (word order A ), from (1c,d) as Stellung $B$ (word order B). The verb cannot be separated from the object suffix. In double object constructions, when both objects are realized as clitics, the preferred order seems to be dative-accusative. From (1d) it can be read that the temporal particles are stranded clause-finally when the verb is preposed to the sentence-initial position. Because of the restriction on the clause-initial appearance of the temporal particles, this is the only possible word order when the verb is topicalised while both the subject and object are realized as clitics (Rust 1965:103). Thus, unlike in the Germanic languages, finiteness is

[^151]not expressed by markings on the verb but by isolated morphological items, independent of the main verb. In (2) one of the temporal conjugations (the so-called ra-conjugation, infra), is shown by example of the verb $m \hat{u}$ (to see).

| (2) | Present | tita | ge | ra |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | mû |  |  |  |
|  | I | IND | TNS | see |
| RECENT PAST | tita | ge | go | mû |
| REMOTE PAST | tita | ge | ge | mû |
|  | fUTURE | tita | ge | nî(ra) |
|  | mû |  |  |  |

In particular, nothing like the Germanic verb-second phenomena can surface as a grammatical Nama structure, as the sentence hinges on $G E$ in the second position in the main clause (3).
(3) XP ge*(T)*(V)

Other grammarians ${ }^{3}$ (Haacke, 1992:150, 1995) rather identify $G E$ as a clause indicator: [+indicative]. Associating the temporal particles with TP, in structural terms $G E$ is situated above TP (cf. § 1.2, example (2), p.12).

[^152]ia. omi ge ...
huis, dit .. (house, it...')
b. khoib ge ...
man, hy ... ('man, he...')

### 6.2.1.2 The Tense and Aspect system of Nama/Damara ${ }^{4}$

Verbal transfigurations, as for example the passive, are chiefly formed by suffixes on the verb stem. The passive is formed by the suffix -he. The suffix $-b a$ introduces a third object in the so-called 'applicative form' of the verb' (Rust 1965:24). Although the conjugations chiefly include pre-verbal particles, auxiliary verbs are not altogether absent. Copular sentences are constructed with an auxiliary verb gei (to become) and $i$ (to be). The conjugation runs parallel to (2) above for the socalled 'active' form of the verb, the ra-conjugation. In contrast, the $a$-conjugation expresses a state. Its distinguishing feature is that the present tense is formed with the particle $a$, past and future tenses involve the copula i. Again, word order is not fixed as shown in (4).

| (4a) | tita ge | a | gao-ao |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | I | ND | PRS $\quad$ king |

[^153]i. Ti !gâsaba ta ge ne +kanisa ra maba tsi.
a. For my brother I give you this letter.
b. To my brother I give this letter for you.

| (b) | sats ge | go | gao-ao i |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | you IND | PST | king be |
| (b') | gao-20ts | go | $i$ |
|  | king-2S | PST | be |
|  | You were king. [recent past] |  |  |
| (c) | //eib ge | ge | 8a0-a0 i |
|  | he IND | PST | king be |
| (c) | gao-aob | ge | 1 |
|  | king-3S | PST | be |
|  | He was king. [remote pasi] |  |  |
| (d) | //eib ge | nî | gao-ao i |
|  | he IND | FUT | king be |
| (d') | gao-aob | ก1 | $i$ |
|  | king-3S | FUT | be |
|  | He will be king |  |  |

Thus verbs that enter into the $a$-conjugation express a state of affairs, not an action. For example, the verb $+a n$ in the $r a$-conjugation will mean 'to recognize, to identify', whereas combined in the $a$ conjugation it translates as 'to know'. Another auxiliary verb in Nama is ha, which primarily expresses durative aspect (but, cf. Haacke (1990), summarized in footnote 4, above). Thus the verb $+g i$ (to blind) in the ra-conjugation means 'blinding (someone)', in the a-conjugation the interpretation is 'to be blind(ed)', and combined with h $\hat{a}$ 'to be totally blind'. Hâ can be connected with NPs in copular constructions according to the pattern in (4) above, whereby it is placed preceding the copula $i$ (be). It can also combine with verbs, as exemplified in (5).

| (5a) Tita ge | /nam hâ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | I | IND love ASP |
| (a') Inam ta | hâ |  |
| love I | ASP |  |
| I always love, I have always loved. |  |  |

$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { (b) Tita } & \text { ge } & \text { /nam } & \text { go } & \text { hâ } & \text { i } \\ \text { i } & \text { IND love } & \text { PST } & \text { ASP } & \text { be }\end{array}$

| (b) | /nam | ta | (ge) | go | hâ | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | love | I | IND | PST | ASP | be |
|  | I have always loved. |  |  |  |  |  |
| (c) | Tita | ge | /nam | ge | hâ | i |
|  | 1 | IND | love | PST | ASP | be |
| (c') | /nam | ta | (ge) | ge | hâ | 1 |
|  | love | 1 | IND | PST | ASP | be |
|  | I have always loved. |  |  |  |  |  |
| (d) | Tita | ge | nî | /nam | hâ | (i) |
|  | 1 | IND | FUT | love | ASP | (be) |
| (d') | /nam | ta | nî | hâ | (i) |  |
|  | love | 1 | FUT | ASP | (be) |  |

Furthermore, according to Rust, ${ }^{6} h \hat{\alpha}$ builds a pluperfect in combination with the past tense particles ge (remote past) and go (recent past) as shown in (6).
$\left.\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { (6a) tita ge } & \text { go } & \text { tnou } & \text { hâ } & \text { i } & \text { (+nou ta } & \text { go } & \text { hâ } & \text { i) } \\ & \text { I } & \text { IND } & \text { PST } & \text { beat } & \text { ASP } & \text { be } & \text { (beat } & \text { I } & \text { PST } & \text { ASP } \\ \text { be) }\end{array}\right)$

Verbs easily combine to form new lemmata (7), which is orthographically indicated by a hyphen. According to Rust (1965:9, Olpp 1964:6) this is a prolific strategy of word formation.

| (7a) $/ / \mathrm{ama}$ | to buy |
| :--- | :--- |
| (b) | xu |
| (c) | to depart from something |
| (cu | 'to buy-let': to sell |

[^154]Verbal incorporation (cf. Baker 1988) is further subject to tonal idiosyncrasies (Haacke 1995:20). The interpretation of (8) as in (8a) is established by a tonal 'flip-flop' on the first root, whereas the translation as in (8b) involves final melody drop.

Ikhoキ nôa ('catch' + 'sit')
(a) hold someone while one is sitting
(b) catch someone sitting, i.e. arrest someone red-handed

### 6.2.1.3 Subordinate clauses

With respect to embedded clauses the major differences between Nama and the Germanic languages is that Nama is rigorously SOV. As a result subordinating elements follow the embedded clause rather than introducing it. In the MP framework, incorporating the anti-symmetry hypothesis, this is translated as movement of the subordinated clause into the [spec, CP] (cf. Kayne 1994:93). Secondly, sentences are usually formed beginning with the embedded clause ( 10 b ) whereafter the main clause follows (Rust 1963:125, 83). Thus the embedded clause appears in the Topic Phrase position, as in the comparable English sentences in (9). The particle GE (or its equivalent counterparts kha and kom...o, see footnote 4, p.190) cannot appear in the subordinate clause.
(9a) (That) he already married a woman, that, he didn't say.
(b) (Because) I have nothing, therefore I cannot give you anything.

Exemplified from Nama (Rust 1965:26): ${ }^{7}$

| (10a) | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { [Hâ } & \text { tita } \\ \text { stay } & \text { is } \end{array}$ | dawa, with | [cp sore <br> sun |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { go } \\ & \text { PST } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +gâ } \\ & \text { set } \end{aligned}$ | xuige] because |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | [lcp Sores | go | +gâ | xuige] |  | tita | dawa] |
|  | Sun | PST | set | because | stay | IS | with |

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### 6.2.1.4 Interrogative clauses

In Nama interrogative sentences do not differ in word order from the declarative sentences in Stellung $B$ (see §6.2.1.1, (1c,d), p.188). Although Rust (1965:104) mentions that the verb is preferably placed sentence initially, the only marked difference with declarative sentences is the intonation or the presence of a wh-word. In direct questions the interrogative (clause-typing) particle kha may be used (Rust 1965:45). In indirect questions both $G E$ and $k h a$ are ungrammatical. As with subordination in finite declarative clauses, in indirect questions the subordinating element appears clause-finally (11).

| (11) | $/ / \mathrm{e} i \mathrm{i}$ | ge go | tê | te, | tariil go | mî | !keië? |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 S | IND PST | ask | IS, | who-PL PST | say-it ${ }^{8}$ | that |  |
| He asked me (that) who said it? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 6.2.1.5 Relative clauses

Rust (1965:88) commences his description of relative clauses in Nama with the remark that the relative clause construction in Nama "verwirrt zunächst unsere [German, European-cl] Begriffe eines solchen; doch darf man sich es nicht zu schwer machen und muss sich von der Vorstellung eines Relativpronomen unserer Art gänzlich losmachen."9 Characteristics are, the obligatory absence of the indicative particle $G E$, the optionality of a relative clause marker (12a), as well as the possibility to realize the relative clause preceding the NP, thus resembling the syntax of adjectives. Translated, most relative clauses would be rendered as appositive constructions in Germanic languages.

| (12a) lanu | ra | khoib |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| clean | PRS | man |

The man who is clean.
${ }^{8}$ In Nama the verb 'to say' does not require an overt object (i), (Rust 1965: 46, 118 (7)).
i. Tarié go mi?

Who-S PST say ('Who said? (it)')
${ }^{9}$ [The concept of a relative clause] in Nama initially obliterates all our notion of such; but one shouldn't make it too hard on oneself. First of all one should do away with the idea of a relative pronoun as in the European languages.

| (b) | !anu <br> clean | $\begin{aligned} & \text { go } \\ & \text { PST } \end{aligned}$ | BE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { /gôa } \\ & \text { girl } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The girl who was clean. [the 'was clean'girl] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (c) | //ề | ei | ta | go | mâ | 1 | Ihomi |
|  | 38 | 3 S | 1 S | PST | stand | BE | mountain |
| (c) | Ihomi |  | //êib | ei | ta | go | mâ ib |
|  | mountain |  | 3S | 3 S | 1S | PST | stand BE |

The mountain on which I am standing. [the (it) 'I stand on it' mountain]

Anticipating the discussion of relative clause formation in the present corpus, I note that there has not been any mention of bare juxtaposed relative clauses in the literature on diachronic or contemporaneous Afrikaans varieties. Yet, the strategy is not uncommon in the Jan Jonker data.

### 6.2.2 Evaluation of the (dis)similarities

Comparing the change from the agglutinative Dutch inflectional system of the verbal paradigm to the present-day null-morphology in Afrikaans with Nama, there are three factors of divergence to observe. Firstly, in Nama finiteness is not expressed in the syntax: no structural position is linked to a finite form or an infinitive. Tense and Aspect are signalled by isolated morphemes in appropriated, fixed positions; infinitives go unmarked, or undergo incorporation (cf. Haacke 1995). Secondly, main clauses are overtly distinguished from other clause types by a particle ( $G E$ etc.). Thirdly, word order is determined by topic-focus constraints not unlike Latin or Old English, as Case relations are also signalled by clitic elements on the verb. In short, no (reinforcing) substrate influence can be perceived which would have promoted the continuation of the Dutch type of inflectional system. A structural comparison of the Afrikaans superstrate Dutch with the substrate language Nama, illustrates that the L1-Nama speaker would have been able to assimilate the clause-final occurrence of the Germanic temporal auxiliaries at sentence surface word order with Nama auxiliaries (cf§6.2.1.2). For example, the aspectual auxiliary hô in (5), (also in (6) ${ }^{10}$ ), repeated here in (13a, a'), which transfigures the meaning of the verb into durative aspect (including the notion of an inalienable possession; also a pluperfect) is semantically close to the Dutch perfective auxiliary. Permutation of the word order

[^156]retains the aspectual auxiliary sentence final (Rust 1965:54). Haacke (1990:5) describes hat as the perfective aspect marker, derived from the stative auxiliary hâ and recognizes that "hence it is embedded with the actual verb in what truly is the stative construction" (op.cit.:6). At the surface, the pattern conforms to present-day Afrikaans verb clusters where het (have), the equivalent of the Dutch perfect tense marker, obligatorily appears sentence-finally (13b), (cf. §6.2.2). It may be noted that phonologically Dutch had (heb/heeff $(t)$, dialectally also $a t)$ in the mouth of non-native speakers was possibly reanalyzed from the Nama nasalized vowel $\hat{a}$ in combination with $i$ as a perfective aspect marker. Secondly, it must be kept in mind that Nama can at best only be counted as the closest known variety of the substrate languages that influenced the CDV. ${ }^{11}$

| (13a) | Tita | ge | ni | /nam | hâ | Nama |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | iS | IND | FUT | love | ASP |  |
| (a') | Nam-ta | (ge) | nî |  | hâ |  |
|  | love-1S | IND | FUT |  | ASP |  |
|  | I will always have loved (keep love forever). |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) | Hy |  | sal | dit | gedoen | het |$\quad$ Afrikaans

Regardless of such similarities, the Germanic verb-second constraint is an entirely novel rule compared to Nama syntax. The fact that the finite verb in the main clause in the Germanic languages independently undergoes movement sets the two languages apart. Secondly, the Nama speaker had to infer that finiteness is marked on the main verb by bound inflection rather than by unbound morphemes in a fixed positions. Notwithstanding that, structurally at surface word order, the mainclause [+indicative] particle $G E$ resembles the Germanic verb-second phenomenon, as both appear linearly after a topicalised constituent. Associating the clause indicator with $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ leads to the observation that Nama exhibits 'verb-third' in the main clause rather than verb-second (cf. (3), above). It will become clear from the data presented in the next paragraphs that no such inference occurs in ORA, despite that this is also a common strategy in Dutch Second Language Acquisition (henceforth: SLA, cf, (21), §6.3.2). Additionally, subordinate clause formation in Nama has a

[^157]fundamentally different outcome from the surface word order in Dutch, as complementisers are realized clause-finally. This is shown in (14) by means of two Cape Dutch pidgin sentences translated into Nama. ${ }^{12}$

| (14a) Duijtsman, | een | woord calm, ons | u | kelum | Cape Dutch Pidgin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dutchman | one word speak we | you | kill |  |  |
| \\|Khawałgaetse lgui misa lhoa sage | satsa | Igam |  |  |  |
| Ifyou say one word, Dutchman, we will kill you. |  |  |  |  |  |

(a') \|Khawałgaetse, Igui mîsa+ts ka !hoato, o ge ge satsa nî !gam. Nama Dutchman one word-2S SUBJ speak if, then we IND you FUT kill
(b) Wagt om als gy die dubbeltjes betaald hemme, Cape Dutch Pidgin
Wait if you the pennies paid have
|lnam 0 mats mari-e matare (nî)
ik ja strakjes voort lopum zoo
tita kom \|nätimîsi !gûbē (o)
Wait, after you paid the money $/$ will leave your service.
(b') \|nam, sats mari-e ka matare hâ i to, o ta \|nātimîsi nî !gûbē xuige. Nama wait you money SUBJ paid TNS if, then I later FUT walk away because

Drawing cross-linguistic parallels as these, the Dutch-acquiring Nama speaker did not have to adapt to 'marking' subordinate clauses in a negative way, by 'not applying' verb-second (parallel to the ungrammaticality of $G E$ in all other environments but [ + indicative]), but he had to learn to apply an entirely novel syntactic system in non-main clause environments, c.q. to integrate the Dutch subordinating CP into the syntax. As argued by Myers-Scotton \& Jake (2000) in the case of L2 acquisition, as well as in creole formation (Myers-Scotton 2000:7), the syntax of the mother tongue plays the dominant role: "It is the substrate language which provides the grammatical frame for the creole, [whereas the] superstrate elements are limited to Content Morphemes (lexical categories) only" (cf. § 4.3). Hence it is not expected that a Dutch Functional Projection as the Complementiser

[^158]Phrase was transferred into the newly-forming language. ${ }^{13}$ This correlation shows in the present corpus of ORA data in exactly this way by the fact that subordinate clause formation on the Dutch pattern does not seem to be an integral part of the grammar. ${ }^{14}$ Yet, the similarity that Nama marks the main clause, indicative by a particle, whereas Germanic languages mark the main clause by the placement of the finite verb in this particular position, (in both languages also in inversion constructions), is taken to be of importance in the remainder of the discussion.

### 6.3 The Verb Phrase in Orange River Afrikaans

### 6.3.1 Inflection

In (15) the present-day Dutch and Afrikaans inflectional paradigm for regular verbs is presented.

|  | DUTCH |  | Afrikains |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PRESENT | PAST | PRESENT | PAST |
| 1 S | - | -te | - | - |
| 2 S | -1 | -te | - | - |
| 3S | -1 | -te | - | - |
| 1PL | -en | -ten | - | - |
| 2PL | -en | -ten | - | - |
| 3PL | -en | -ten | - | - |
| Inf. | -en |  | - |  |
| Partic. | $\mathrm{ge}-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{d} /$-t |  | ge-V |  |

Compared, Afrikaans only retained a separate inflectional form for the participle, which bears the prefix ge-. The entire paradigm, both finite and infinitival, consists of the Dutch equivalent of the bare stem form of the verb. Raidt (1982:190) states that "rondom 1800 die hedendaagse loestand alreeds bereik was. Teen die tyd is daar nie meer tussen die infinitiefvorm en die finiete werkwoordsvorm

[^159]onderskei nie. Sekere wisselvorme het egter nog lank daorna voorgekom." ${ }^{\text {is }}$ From an appraisal of the verbal forms in the corpus of this study, ${ }^{16}$ it can be said that the first letters feature forms corresponding to the Dutch plural (and infinitival) paradigm, also with singular pronominal subjects (16).
(16a) gy wenschen om...
you wish for
(b) ik melden...., ik weten...

I notify I know

Thereafter, the singular forms are, generally speaking, regular in accordance with the present-day Afrikaans pattern: the bare verb stem. ${ }^{17}$ In the plural Jan Jonker generally follows the same convention of writing the bare verb stem rather than an inflected form. However, for the second person singular, first person plural, as well as the third person plural, the paradigm seems to be governed by the pronominal form that is used. Where the correct Dutch pronoun 1PL, 3PL, nominative, (wij, zij, respectively) is the subject of the clause, the verb is fully inflected according to the Dutch paradigm (17a, c), with the non-Dutch pronominal forms (see Chapter Four, §4.2) the verbal forms remain uninflected ( $17 \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{~d}$ ). In 2 S distinctions can be observed discerning the formal pronoun $u$ (you) from (southern Dutch) $g i j$ (thee).

[^160](17a) Ik verstaan, dat zyn wet op dien aard naar wy in vredenstraktaat gesloten hadden In, In. 253 I understand that his law on that way after we a peace-treaty closed had
(b) Ons moet Gabak en ons zyn Gamen uitpluk en weg drek nar Rehoboth II, In. 20 We must pack (?) and our his Gamen pick and away move to Rehoboth
(c) $\quad$. daarom verdienen $Z y$ te Otjimbingue alleen geweren ... III, In. 125 ... therefore earn they at Otimbingwe only guns...
(d) henen maak zoo henen kom op andere mensch zyn weerfen... In, h. 40 they make so, they come to other people his werf and....

The division into the three periods as sketched for the pronominal paradigm in Chapter Three and Four is also corroborated by the verbal paradigm. Preterite inflection seems absent, only a few fossilized forms such as sprok(en) (speak), from Dutch spreken (past: sprak, participle: gesproken) and vergoden (spill), Dutch vergieten, (past and participle: vergoten) are found. Period II is further characterized by Dutch simple past forms such as wilde, wilte (wanted) moeste (must), zoude (should), zeide (said), and hypercorrections as for example in (18).

| (18a) | ik | wens | en | volstrek | duidelijkheid | te | vernomen | II, ln. 94 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | I | wish | in | complete | clarity | to | learn[PST] |  |
| (b) | $\ldots$ tot | hy | zoo | ingesloten | wezen,... |  |  | II, In. 250 |
|  | $\ldots$ until he | so | closed-in | be[INF] |  |  |  |  |

In this respect, the reality that anyone who sought to read and write in nineteenth-century southern Africa was instructed in the Dutch metropolitan orthography, may be of importance. Keeping in mind that written Dutch only existed conform to the metropolitan standard, the question remains what the spoken Hollands may have sounded like on southern African soil, and of what influence it could have been on our written sources. Or, in other words, to what extent does it contort our picture of nineteenth-century written Afrikaans, in this particular instance of ORA? Besides the fact that orthographies unite dialects to be classified as one language, as Thomason (1997:75) indicates, the difference between dialects and languages is often abstruse,

Imly usual answer focuses on the criterion of mutual intelligibility: if you have two speech forms and if they are mutually intelligible, then they are dialects of the same language, but, if they are mutually unintelligible, then they are separate languages. Unfortunately this criterion leaks: with
closely related speech forms, intelligibility is not always symmetrical, for linguistic reasons; it depends on attitudes and so forth.

Regarding the factor 'language attitude', one would say that nineteenth-century ORA ought to be considered as a dialectal variety of Dutch. After all, speaking Hollands was the Oorlams outspoken target to achieve (see Chapter Three). However, it remains unclear to what degree they had access to the metropolitan variant. The consolidating Dutch orthographical example, as noted earlier for the pronominal paradigm (Chapter Four), seems to carry over into a relation between morphosyntax and grammar to the extent that we may have to ask in which respects our written records represent the standard of schooling of the author, rather than developmental factors in the formation of Afrikaans. In the words of Roberge (1993) we have to consider the possibility that we are dealing with orthographic fiction. The spelling of the word mens(en) ('person(s)', pronounced $m E n s(\rho)$ ) as now archaic Dutch mensch(en) throughout the present corpus is one clear instance of the orthographical conventions playing their role. Besides this, it can be noticed that a number of letters begin in an acrolectal schoolbook format, to change over into a basilectal register in the heat of an argument. Letter $N^{\circ} 13$, to Cape governor Wodehouse is one of the clearest examples (see §3.2.1.2, footnote 76, p.96). Thirdly, it must be kept in mind that the standard classroom practices in the nineteenth century consisted predominantly of oral drill and the committing of biblical texts to memory. ${ }^{18}$ As it will manifest itself in the remainder of this chapter, differences between Dutch and the vernacular can be noticed along a cline of a continuum, starting with the pronominal forms which show a diversity of innovations (see Chapter Four) and, at the other end of the scale infinitival forms in subordinate clauses, which are closest to the Dutch standard.

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### 6.3.2 Finite complement clauses

Overall, the general pattern of finite sentential complements that emerges from the present corpus of nineteenth-century ORA is one of bare juxtaposition of the clauses, ${ }^{19}$ while maintaining a main clause word order in the embedded clause, as shown in (19).

| (19) | Man Clause | SUbordinate clause |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) | maar ik zien nu but I see now | $u$ hieft gekom om oorlog en kwad de leeren you have come for war and evil to teach | IA, In. 107 |
| (b) | Ik wens | ik zal zalf daar komen... | IA, $\ln 14$ |
|  | 1 wish | 1 will self there come |  |
| (c) | Zoo denk ik , So think I | ik zal maar deze week hem hier in wachten <br> I will rather this week him here in wait | III, $\ln .185$ |

In general, subordinate clauses, on the Dutch pattern (of an overt complementiser and the verb(s) clause-finally) are rare in the data of this study. However, the Oorlam-Nama pattern is on a par with present-day SA where verb-second is a (restricted) option in the subordinate clause, depending on the condition that the complementiser is absent (Waher 1982, Den Besten 1989b, Vriends 1998). In ORA and other non-standard varieties of Afrikaans this provision has further been relaxed (cf. Den Besten 1989b:156-160). In (20) examples are given of four types of possible combinations of a complementiser and/or $\mathrm{v} / 2$ from the present corpus, whereby it is noted beforehand that (20d) has the highest frequency.
(a) $+\mathrm{C},-\mathrm{v} / 2$ dat kunnen wy in den beginne al zien dat zij eer zy uit ons zijn sommige menschen gedood hadden II, In. 122
We could already see in the beginning that before we got rid of them they had killed some people.
(b) $+\mathrm{C},+\mathrm{v} / 2$ Hij zeg zoo de als wanneer zal menschen onwillig [zijn], dat ...

He says so that if when people will be unwilling that...
IA. In. 92

[^162](c) $-\mathrm{C},-\mathrm{v} / 2$ als ons weer zien, __ de Damaras weer uit de leraars zijn huis uit ons schied, dan... If we see again, [that] the Damaras shoot at us from the missionaries' houses,... III, In. 149
(d) $-\mathrm{C},+\mathrm{v} / 2$ Menschen hief achter my stories gehoor _ Kamaharero hief komando op gestuur..

People heard stories [that] Kamaharero sent a Commando....
IB, in. 565

The overgeneralization of verb-second in the subordinate clause is a typical characteristic of Dutch (and German) Second Language Acquisition. However, in Dutch SLA the main clause word order is not unproblematic either. Although Subject-Verb-Object word order dominates the constructions due to the verb-second rule, inversion constructions, whereby the subject has to follow the verb in the verb-second slot, are acquired only relatively late, ${ }^{20}$ resulting in so-called verb-third main clauses. The stages the learner goes through for German are illustrated in (21) with Dutch examples (adapted from Larsson-Freeman 1994:271).
(21) Stage X Canonical order

Subject - Verb- Ob.ject
Karel las een boek
Karel read a book
Stage X+1 Adverb Preposing
*ADVErb- Subiect - Verb- Obiect
*Toen Karel las een boek
Then Karel read a book
Stage X+2 Verb separation (Verb-second rule)
Sub.ect- Aux/Modal - Obiect - Main Verb

| Karel heeft | een | boek | gelezen |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Karel has | a | book | read |

Stage $\mathrm{X}+3$ Inversion
XP - v/2 - SUbiect (XP...XP) MAIN VERB
Toen heeft Karel een boek gelezen
Then has Karel a book read

[^163]| Stage $\mathrm{X}+4$ Verb-end (Subordinate clause word order) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| COMPLEMENTISER-SUBJECT $-(\mathrm{XP} \ldots \mathrm{XP})$ VERB(S) |  |
|  | ..dot Karel een boek heeft gelezen |
|  | ..that Karel a book has read |

From these schemata it would thus seem that Jan Jonker Afrikaner is in Stage $\mathrm{X}+3$, as he makes no mistakes against the inversion rule (Stage $\mathrm{X}+1$ ), and verb separation structures (Stage $\mathrm{X}+2$ ) are the major pattern. The acrolectal subordinate clause word order (stage $X+4$ ) is minimally realized. Subordinate clause formation on the Dutch pattern (overt complementiser, OV word order, and absence of $v / 2$ ) in the present corpus is rather assessed as a studied propensity of the grammar (infra). Thus, acrolectal subordinate clauses can be deemed to have been (re-)introduced into the language as a result of contact with the metropolitan standard. At this point it is a matter of technicalities to label this stage in Jan Jonker's grammar imperfect SLA or decreolization. Notwithstanding such considerations, the present interest concerns the alternatives of subordinate clause formations which do not conform to the Dutch standard.

The complementiser which introduces declarative finite clauses both in Dutch and Afrikaans, is dat (that); interrogative clauses are introduced by of (if, whether) or a wh-element (wie, 'who'; wat, 'what'; waar, 'where' etc.). Various linguists have proposed that in Orange River Afrikaans the verb laten (Dutch laten, 1S, 2S, 3S: laot, Afrikaans laat, 'to let') has grammaticalized (see Lehman 1995, McMahon 1994) as a complementiser (cf. Rademeyer 1938:53) ${ }^{21}$ in the form of laat, lat, alternating with SA dat. ${ }^{22}$
(22a) Ek het verscheidene plekke gably..., totlat ek nou hier gakom het GA84, 36, ln. 25
I have different places stayed, tillthat I now here came have

[^164](b) Det was darem so jammer jei weet, lat heele nie daar-ie stuk gront gebewaar het nie This was but such pity you know that they not that piece ground saved have not GA84, 44, in. 43

In the corpus of the Jan Jonker Afrikaner correspondence laten, mostly realized as lat or lad, introduces a considerable number of embedded clauses (see for example, Appendix I, section IA, $\ln .80,86,120,310,317$; section IB, $\ln .152,216,442,446$; section II, $\ln .10,170$, and section III, In. 61,79 ). With some of these it is difficult to determine whether this item should be interpreted as a complementiser or as the verb laten. Compare the sentences under (23) below. (23a) could be equated to either (23a') in Dutch, which clearly takes a complementiser, or to ( $23 a^{\prime \prime}$ ), where the embedded sentence starts off with the hortative verb laten. As the distinction between hortative and causative laten forms a second point of opacity, the former, allowing for both nominative Case or accusative Case in Dutch ( $23 \mathrm{~b}^{\prime \prime}, \mathrm{b}^{\text {mi'; }}$ cf. ANS: 567 ), it often makes it difficult to know whether the complementiser or the verb was intended, with the result that all instances had to be left out of the analysis of the pronominal paradigm in Chapter Four. The unambiguous example in (23c) shows that lad (/lat) was fully incorporated in the grammar in the function as complementiser.


Next to this innovation and bare juxtaposition of the main clause and embedded clause, Jan Jonker also sometimes uses regular dat. From the corpus it emerges that the grammaticalization of lat into
this area of the grammar may be related to the development of the pronominal form dot to serve in a variety of other functions: as a demonstrative (Dutch: die, dat 'that'), a determiner (Dutch: het 'it'), as an expletive element (Dutch: het 'it'; also in existential sentences, Dutch: er, 'there'). At the same time the data reveals 'experiments' with auxiliary verb forms as elements marking other types of embedded clauses (infra and § 6.4.2); a strategy which has not survived in the present-day outcome of either standard or non-standard varieties of Afrikaans. In this light the grammaticalization of the verb laat as a complementiser can be seen to have its source in the general tendency in creoles toward disambiguating structure by the circumvention of lexical homonyms in the functional domain. Unfortunately, for reasons of space, it is beyond the scope of the present study to pursue the investigation of this particular development further.

Since Den Besten (1978) the verb-second phenomena in the CWG languages has been associated with $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ (see Weerman 1989:15, and the references cited there; also S. Anderson 1993). Anticipating the discussion about the verb-second constraint in $\S 6.3 .5$, according to this argumentation $v / 2$ is in complementary distribution with an overt complementiser. In the present corpus an inflected form of the Dutch temporal auxiliary hebben is found in a position that can only be interpreted as a complementiser position ( $24 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ ); ( 24 d ) shows a similar instance in a relative clause.

| (24a) | ik heb ook gehoord heb mijn Heer Brieker | wel Barmen drekken | IB, $\ln .80$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | I have also heard have Mr. Brincker | wants Bammen move |  |
| (b) | my Heer moet zoo goedwesen heb ik altyt | my Koorand krygen |  |
|  | Mr. must so good.be have I always op hoolans gedrooken ben | my newspaper get | 1A, $\ln .576$ |
|  | on Hollands printed is |  |  |
| (c) | diet is waar: heb ik niet uwe naar liesder he it is true have I not you to listened have |  | IB, $\ln .145$ |
| (d) | gij zijt Die Damras heb $u$ daar had die you say the Damaras have you there have they | et myn kwaaddoen ot me harm.do | IB, $\ln .267$ |

In the correspondence of Jan Jonker, one instance arises in which the contemporary Afrikaans 'temporal auxiliary' het can be evaluated as either a subordinating complementiser, rendering hoe dat, 'how that' (25a) or as a temporal auxiliary, as in contemporary Afrikaans hoe het, 'how has' (25b), (considering that his grammar allows for doubled finite verbs, infra). Thirdly het can be analyzed as
the Dutch form of a pronominal object (het, 'it') preposed of the subject, transiating the sentence as (25c), a standard word order in Nama (Rust 1965:57; cf. the discussion in § 3.2.1, example (2)).

| (25) ..hoe het | Kamaharero gemaak | heeft |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (a) | .how that | Kamaharero done | has | IA, In. 118 |
| (b) | ..how has | Kamaharero done | has |  |
| (c) | ..how it | Kamaharero | done | has |

A similar, though less clear, overlap in the distribution of an overt complementiser and verb-second can be noted in present-day Namaqualand Afrikaans, which realizes both the complementiser (dat/la(a)t) and the temporal auxiliary (het) as a (cliticized) dental 't ((26a), from Kühne 1984:1), rendering many examples in the Griqua Afrikaans corpus opaque between a duplicated verb construction (see § 6.3.4.2.2) or a regular embedded clause (26b).
(26a) Eers toet ek die twaalfde stert op my hopie gooi,' $n$ mooie, kompleet mee' sy First when-that I the twelfth tail on my stock throw a nice (one) complete with its kinkel presies net waar 't hy moet wees, sê ek virHerklaas: "Hoe't jy gesê?" kink exactly just where that he must be say I for Herklaas How have you said
(b) Daai pent kan ek nou net nie verstan hoe het helle eitgeroei gerak het that point can I now just not understand how that/have they extinct become have

GA84:85, $\ln .132$

Turning to the formation of interrogative clauses, both in Dutch and Afrikaans, these are introduced by a wh-element or the complementiser of. Direct questions show an inverted word order (viz. verbfirst). As mentioned in $\S 6.2 .1 .4$, in Nama interrogative clauses do not differ in word order from declarative clauses. They are structurally characterized by the obligatory absence of the clause-typing particle $G E$, the optional interrogative clause-type marker $k h a$ in the main clause, and the complementiser clause-finally in embedded clauses. In the corpus of this study no uniform pattern can be detected. Often only the context makes it clear that the clause is an interrogative. Subordinate interrogative clauses initially follow the correct Dutch usage (Period 1 A ), including the complementiser of and subordinate clause word-order (27a). However, because this particular construction appears five times with more or less the same words (IA, $\ln .32, \ln .40, \ln .45, \ln .48, \ln .59)$ out of a total of six clauses, this could be deemed a formulaic sequence. With a few exceptions,
hereafter the predominating structure is as in ( $27 \mathrm{~b}-\mathrm{d}$ ): bare juxtaposition of the main clause and the subordinate clause as we have seen with declarative clauses. The auxiliary that appears in interrogative clauses is predominantly the Dutch copula zijn in its third person singular form is; not infrequently it occurs duplicated ( $27 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ).
(27a) Verder wel ik weten of de Genodschap $u$ gezonden heeft om ... IA, in. 32 Further want I know whether the Society you sent has for...
(b) Ik vrag $u$ weer $u$ heeft gekom om oorlog de bredek. IA, ln. 105 1 ask you again
(c) ...om de vrag you have come for war to preach is dat waar is: wij
hebben gehoort... IB, $\ln .5$ ... for to ask
(d) zoo weet ik niet Thus know I not
is it true is: we
have heard
is dat Leeraars of is dat Handelars of is dat jagders is: IB, in. 9 is it teachers or is it traders or is it hunters is

In (27c-d), as in (24) above, a verbal form occurs reanalyzed as the complementiser, to the effect that there appear to be two finite verb forms in the clause. From (28a,b) it becomes clear that the choice between the forms of hieft or is is unstable; (28c,d) show that the status of ben/is in these formations is not that of a mere copula.
(28a) Aponto [-hief] is niet gewellig om hem te vrede sloeten
1B, $\ln .584$ Aponto has is not willing for him to peace make
(b) ...en ([hebt u]) gezien ons Afrikaner is Gods woort verach heeft? IA, In. 134 ...and [have youl seen us Afrikaner is God's word scomed have?
(c) hy hief 8 optober maan gestorven ben IB, $\ln .749$

He has 8 October month died am
(d) zoo wet ik nog niet is dat nog diegereschap heb is of niet heb is iB, in. 236 so know I yet not is that still the tools have is or not have is

Summarizing, the realization of finite clauses in the present corpus show two more or less expected innovations. Firstly, there is the grammaticalization of a verbal form (causative laat) to function as a complementiser. This is similar to developments attested in creole languages (cf. Romaine 1988:140, Mühhäusler 1986:188 on Tok Pisin, Bruyn 1995:240 on Sranan). Secondly, a form of the temporal auxiliary and copula became reanalyzed as complementisers seemingly confirming the earlier
association in the literature of $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ with either verb-second (main clause), or an overt complementiser (subordinate clause). As a result, duplicated finite verbs occur in declarative and interrogative clauses. Relative clauses appear unmarked (as bare juxtapositions) in more than $50 \%$ of the cases, at the same time often exhibiting the duplicated finite verb structure. The theoretical implications of this data, considering verb-second within the generative framework, will be discussed in § 6.4 .

### 6.3.3 Sentential infinitival complements

Both in Dutch and in Afrikaans infinitival sentential complements that are introduced by the complementiser om contain the infinitival marker te, typically adjacent to the infinitival verb (29a) as discussed in § 5.1.3 and § 5.2.1.2. It has been noted in the literature that these structures in ORA underwent reanalyses (cf. Roberge 1993:83-84). The infinitival marker can be absent as in (29b), or appear adjacent to the complementiser as in (29c). ${ }^{23}$
(29a) Jy moet sukkel om daar oor te kom
Afrikaans you must trudge for there over to come You trudge to get over that.
(b) Djei moet sekkel om daar oor kom GA84, 70, in. 155
you must trudge for there over come
(c) Ons moes ok onse vakke slag om te kan vorentoe se klasse kry GA84, 120, in. 120

Us must also our subject pass for to can further POS class get
We also had to pass our subjects to be able to go on to the next class.

In the latter case $o m$ and $t e$ form one unit, which is supported by the fact that in present-day Griqua

[^165]Afrikaans the infinitival marker can surface simultaneously in the position adjacent to the complementiser, and heading the infinitival verb as shown in (30).

Banje moelik om te hier te kom
GA84, 8 告, $\ln .103$
very difficult for to here to come
It is very difficult to come here.

Structures as presented in (30) seem to be a later development in the formation of Afrikaans, as it is not mentioned in the literature on the Cape Dutch varieties, neither in early twentieth-century ORA. As observed by Du Plessis (1984:160) Rademeyer (1938:72) notes both the omission of the infinitival marker te in Griqua Afrikaans in the first decades of the twentieth century, as well as its placement adjacent to the complementiser; he does not comment on the possible doubling of te. Roberge (1993:85) sketches this development as a reconstruction of a basilectal format [..om ...V] via a mesolectal sequence [..om te ... V] to [..om (te) ... te V] in order to make "basilectal complementation with om [...] formally more similar to its acrolectal counterpart through the introduction of te first into Comp and then secondarily into the position directly before the infinitive itself".

In Jan Jonker Afrikaner's letters examples of the type as in (30) do not appear. He neither uses the [..om te ...V] construction nor the [. om te ...te V] construction. The placement of $t e$ (often spelled $d e$ ) in the corpus mostly conforms to the Dutch/SA use (31a). Examples with omission of the infinitival marker as in (29b) are attested in the corpus (31b-d) but show a gradual decline (32).
(31a) als daar niet menschen is om my Heer Breker de hulp... IB, $\ln .246$ if there not people is for Mr. Brincker to help...
(b) ..om my werf af schiet:...

IA, $\ln 360$
..for my werf off shoot
(c) ..om Damras bees af schieden,... IB, in. 550
.for Damaras cattle off shoot
(d) ..om gansche vrede annemen IB, $\ln .681$

OMISSION OF THE INFINITVAL MARKER TE (/DE) IN THE JAN JONKER CORPUS
Period ${ }^{24}$

| IA | Total om. (te) | om... - | $\%$ omission of $t e$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| IB | 67 | 16 | $23 \%$ |
| II | 58 | 13 | $22 \%$ |
| IIb | 50 | 2 | $4 \%$ |
| III | 50 | 0 | - |

These data support the hypothesis that te became reintroduced into the grammar, on the model of Dutch but not to the extent as witnessed in contemporary ORA in which the doubled-te pattern is highly common. Van der $\mathcal{Z}$ wan (1986:134-135) observes the same idiosyncracy in infinitival clauses as noticeable in Jan Jonker's grammar, in the diary of Hendrik Witbooi: not a trace could be found of the hybrid ..om te... or the doubled pattern ..om te...te $V$, but the absence of te (c.q. ..om... $V$ ) is not at all rare.

Although the structure with duplicated te is attested in the literature on ORA as a standard alternative without question, it should be observed that there is a time span of approximately three generations between the data recorded from Jan Jonker (who was born in 1820), in comparison to data recorded in the twentieth century from non-standard speakers who were born in the1890's (for example Links 1983). The absence of the structure in Hendrik Witbooi's diary, dating from the last decades of the nineteenth century (1884-1905), further strengthens the point that it must be concluded that the doubled-te construction developed relatively recently. The elder people (i.e. those born at the time Witbooi wrote his diary) who were interviewed in contemporary studies on ORA clearly do not represent the nineteenth-century phase of developments as averred in Oorlam-Hollands. To my knowledge there are no attestations of the construction from before ca. 1890 ; c.q. it is not attested in the letters from Jan Jonker's contemporaries in the NA corpora either. The obvious account for placing the development at such a late point in time must be ascribed to the hybridization of the variant [.om (te) ... V] with [..om ... te V] under the renewed contact with the Dutch superstrate during the standardization process since the turn of the century. In this respect it is noteworthy that the Afrikaans grammar as presented by Marais-Hoogenhout (1904) does not mention either of the

[^166]two un-Dutch constructions but only reports on the spread of the use of [.om ... te] infinitives.

Markedly, in the Jan Jonker corpus, in a number of instances when the infinitival marker is left out in Period I, a participial form of the verb instead of the infinitival form appears. We will look at this presently. As observed above (see example (15), p.198), Standard Afrikaans has lost practically all morphology to distinguish finite forms from infinitival forms. Excluding Period II, the present corpus shows a gradual shift from Dutch forms towards the (unmarked) Afrikaans forms in infinitival complements with om. (te), as shown in table (33). ${ }^{25}$
(33) OM.... (TE) INFINITIVES
Period

| IA | Total infinitival forms | V-[e(n)] | $\%$ acrolectal forms |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| IB | 53 | 34 | $64 \%$ |
| II | 45 | 25 | $55 \%$ |
| IIb | 45 | 39 | $86 \%$ |
| III | 45 | 42 | $93 \%$ |

The proposed division into three periods is again corroborated by this data. Although the number of data for Period III is in fact relatively small, (and the percentage values must be interpreted accordingly), they show a further bias towards preference for the Afrikaans forms.

Verb clusters within a sentential infinitival complement occur in total 16 times, the major part consisting of the phrase om $u$ (te) lad(en) we(e)tten, 'to let you know'. In Period II there are the acrolectal sequences om ' $n$ bestaning te mogen krijgen, 'to may get an existence', and om paarden te komen verrulen, 'to come to barter horses'. Besides these, there are three instances, neither Dutch nor Afrikaans, where an auxiliary follows the infinitival verb clause-finally (34). I have no interpretation for the meaning of the addition of the auxiliary in these environments; I will return to this issue in § 6.4.2, where these structures are further discussed.
(34a) ...om Darnras Rad gegeven om ons affricane zijn bloed de vergoden heeft IA, in. 293

[^167]

And, as noted above, in seven instances a paticipial form instead of an infinitive flls the verbal slot; in all of these instances the infinitival marker te is absent ( $35 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{g}$ ).
(35a) ..om uwe bees en vee an u afgenemen IA, In. 113
.for you animals and cattle to you taken
(b) .om uwe waarde gestoolen IA, in. 226
..for your valuables stolen
(c) .om hene rad gegeven IA, In. 280
.for them advice given
(d) ..om Damaras Rad gegeven IA, ln.293[=(23a)]
for Damaras advice given
(e) .om ons zijn bees ge stolen IA, In. 386
.for our his cattle stolen -
(1) ..om die Damras kroud de geven om roë mensche gedan gemoor ${ }^{26}$ IA, $\ln .390$
.for the Damaras ammunition to give for red people done murdered
(g) .om alles dengen raggedoen

IB, $\ln .721$
for all things right-done

Anticipating the discussion of participial verb forms governed by the temporal auxiliary it could be argued that ge is replacing the infinitival marker te in these instances. Or rather, as the infinitival marker te seems an optional element in ORA, and, as structures such as (35) show a gradual decline from 1863 till 1867, with one last example from 1870 and one more occurrence in a coordination in 1875 (Appendix I, section II, ln.218), it is argued that te was reintroduced into sentential infinitival complement clauses (supra). The observation that the participial prefix occurs in the correct position with separable compound verbs ( $35 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{g}$ ), whereas this is not always the case with separable compound

[^168]verbs preceded by te ( $36 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{e}$ ) in this corpus, could be indicative of a learning curve reintroducing the infinitival marker on the model of the superstrate.
(36a) ..om uwe huis de anraken
1A. In. 326
for your house to touch
(b) .om die Kar en ossen af de geefen

IA. $\ln .450$
for the cart and oxen to hand over
(c) ..om helle uit te brengen

IA. $\ln .507$
.for them to retrieve
(d) ..om [dit] uliden de beken maak IB, $\ln 320$
..for [this] you to known make
(e) ..om die huisen de afbreken IB. $\ln 738$
.for the houses to demolish
..om uwe menschen terug te nemen II, ln. 238

The examples of ge apparently replacing the infinitival marker te (as in (35)) also show a gradual decline. In Period IA ge is added to the verb at a frequency of $37 \%$ of the te-less infinitival complements, in Period 1 B , this has lessened to $7 \%{ }^{27}$ Thereafter no such examples are found in the letters. This may again be read as an indication of a learning curve in the acquisition of the superstrate infinitival marker te. Verbs that take te complements in Dutch (see Appendix III, (1)), although sporadically attested in the corpus, occur in all variations. For example hoeven (negative hortative) occurs once in the corpus without the infinitival marker (Appendix I, section IA, $\ln .386$ ); ophonden (to stop) appears once taking a bare infinitival complement (Appendix I, section IA, ln.333), once a sentential infinitival complement (Appendix 1, section IA, $\ln 386$ ) and once a fe-complement (Appendix I, section II, In.139). Pogen (to attempt) appears once, taking a bare infinitival complement. The hendiadys verb staan (to stand) appears both with and without $t e$, as well as with a participle form of the verb ( $g e-V$ ) in its complement. In the next paragraphs attestations of $g e+V$

[^169]as a finite verb, (c.q. the suspension of the auxiliary in the clause), will be documented. Following a proposition by Roberge (1994b), I assume that ge could function as an unbound 'tense' marker, but then to mark [+perfect], [tpast] or [-finite] 'tense'. As documented in Chapter Five ( $\$ 5.2 .5$ ) infinitival te-complements, compared to Dutch, have become a greatly reduced phrasal category in SA. This development is apparent in the present data. I will return to the issue after an examination of verb forms in the complement of the modal and auxiliary verbs in the Jan Jonker corpus in the next section.
6.3.4 Verbal complementation under temporal, modal and aspectual verbs

The majority of bare verbal complements in the corpus of this study are conspicuously limited to the mean of two verbs per clause. Verb cluster formation as discussed in Chapter Five is sparse and appears numerically restricted to two verbs per clause. As a result of the overgeneralization of the verb-second rule the data consist chiefly of a modal verb or an auxiliary verb in the verb-second position, and the main verb clause finally (cf. §6.3.2). However, a numerical restriction (i.e. only two verbs) on the number of verbs that participate in a VR cluster is also a characteristic of Dutch SLA.

De overgang van 1 naar 2 werkwoorden is vooral bij ongestuurde T2 verwerving een kwestie van ontwikkelingsfase, maar de overgang van 2 naar $3 / 4$ werkwoorden vindt vaak helemaal niet plaats bij ongestuurde verwervers. Ook T2-verwervers die onderwijs volgen hebben moeite met de productie van complexe werkwoordsclusters (Josien Lalleman, p.c., November 1998). ${ }^{28}$

With this in mind, I will first survey the format and structure of the modal verbs in the data of the Jan Jonker correspondence, thereafter the verbal complements governed by the temporal auxiliary (§ 6.3.4.2).

[^170]6.3.4.1 Verb clusters with modal verbs and causative verbs

In (37) an overview of the Dutch and Afrikaans paradigm of modal verb forms, present tense. ${ }^{29}$

| (37) | CAN |  | MUST |  | WANT |  | MAY |  | WILI. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | Dutch kan | Afr. <br> kan | Dutch moet | Afr. noet | Dutch wil | Afr. wil | Dutch mag | Afr. mag | Dutch zal | Afr. <br> Sal |
| 2 S | kum | kan | moet | moci | wilt | wil | mag | mag | zult | sal |
| 3 S | kan | kan | moet | moct | will | wil | mag | mag | zal | sal |
| 1 PL | kumnen | kan | moeten | moet | willen | wil | mogen | mag | zullen | Sal |
| 2PL | kumen | kan | mocten | moct | willen | wil | mogen | mag | zullen | sal |
| 3PL | kumnen | kan | mocten | moet | willen | wil | mogen | mag | zullen | sal |
| Inf. | kummen | kan | moeten | moet | willen | wil | mogen | mag | zullen | sal |
| Part. | gekund | - | gemoeten | - | gewild | (gewil) | gemogen | - | - | - |

Except for Period II, when the modal verb kunnen (can) is used in Jan Jonker's texts as a finite verb, it appears in its present-day SA invariant form kan. However, the subject of these clauses is predominantly the first person singular, which renders it also the correct Dutch choice. In Period I, a participial form of the verb occurs under kan (38), (cf. $\S 6.3 .4 .2 .1$ ).
(38a) zoo kan ik niet tabak gekrijgen ben ${ }^{30}$
IB, $\ln .394$
so can I not tobacco get am
(b) Zookanik ook niet weggegaan van huis af van die reigen IB. In. 622 so can I also not away.left from home away for the rain

The distribution of the infinitival and finite forms of kan divides up as in table (39).

[^171](39)
KAN

| Period | V-[finite] | V-[infinitive] |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I 11 4 <br> II 8 - <br> III 5 2 |  |  | |  |
| :--- |

The infinitival forms of the verb are always realized as the present-day SA form, kan/kon (unfortunately in Period II, kan/kunnen only appears as a finite verb, once in a sentential infinitival complement "...om te leven of leven kunnen" (Period II, $\ln .263$ )); in the few verb clusters that are larger than two verbs VR and VPR alternate (40).
(40a) Haybittle zal kan zegge of ...
1A, $\ln .510$
Haybittle will can say whether..
(b) alle menschen die voor my ken, zal kan overteeg [=getuigen] dat... IA, ln. 522
all people who for me know, will can convince [=witness] that...
(c) om die rede hieft uwe kinders niet
for that reason has your children not
(d) It is niet mogelyk dat de leraar

It is not possible that the teacher
brief kon schrijfen of letter could write or zal kan de menschen onterwysengeven .... IA, in. 530 will can the people educations-give...
(e) waarom is uliden niet kan een anword brief myn schryven III, In. 160

| why is you | not | can an answer | letter | my write |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| zoo moet ulieden | niet | kan | ons verkwaalyk | neemen | III, ln. 188 |

so must you not can us evil take

The infinitival forms in the complement of kan in the main clause vary, in the subordinate clause structure ( 40 d ) the Dutch infinitival form (plus the -en infinitival suffix) is realized. Moreover, in this instance an [-en] suffix is also added onto the NP onderwijs (education) in the VPR cluster. Because so far the data are of a limited number, the correlation between subordinate clause structures and infinitival forms will be deferred until after an inventory of their format in the complement of the modal zal (will).

The modal moeten (must) appears predominantly in its SA form moet (also spelled moed). In Period II where a plural form is required also in the form moets (41a), perhaps analogous to NP-
pluralization, on occasion the past form moeste is realized (41b). In total there are only three examples out of a total of 102 occurrences of 'must' (including gapping in coordinated structures) in a subordinate clause structure. Besides that, two examples occur with moet as an infinitival complement. on both occasions in the complement of $z a l(41 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d})$.


In table (42) the realization of the infinitival forms in the complement of moet is quantified in the word order of the main clause. ${ }^{31}$ The choice between a bare stem form or an inflected Dutch form seems arbitrary. As this verb predominantly occupies the verb-second position (96\%) no further generalizations about the form of infinitives in correlation with subordinate clause structures can be made.

INFINTTIVAL FORMS IN THE COMPLEMENT OF MOET

| Period | V[ten] | V-[other] | \% Dutch forms ${ }^{32}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I 44 27 $61.87 \%$ <br> II 8 3 $72.72 \%$ <br> III 4 4 $50 \%$ |  |  |  |

[^172]Instances of cluster formation (VR/VPR) in which moeten dominates more than one verb, mainly involve the verb laten (to let), (43). ${ }^{33}$

| (43a) .. ulieden moet eers die omstandugheid | laastan, lat ons eers.... | IA, ln. 16 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | ..you must first the circumstance | let.stand, let/hat us first... |  |  |  |  |
| (b) | zoo moet | mijn Heer | Damras ook | latweten |  | IA, in. 152 |
|  | so must | Mr. | Damaras also let.know |  |  |  |

In the Jan Jonker Afrikaner corpus there are no instances of the modal verb willen (want) occurring in an infinitival position, except in duplicated constructions. As a finite verb it is primarily realized as wil or wel (/weel), which makes it difficult to distinguish it from the adverb wel ('well'; in this corpus wel is also used as an adjective instead of Dutch/Afrikaans goed 'good'), in those instances where this verb appears 'doubled' ( $44 a, b$ ), and where the $v / 2$ constraint is violated (44c). ${ }^{34}$

| (44a) | ik wil waarlijk | vredee | weel | hebben | IA, $\ln .252$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 want truly | peace | want | have |  |
| (b) | daarom wel <br> therefore want | ik die han I the tr |  | wel nemen want take | II, $\ln .15$ |
| (c) | hoe wel | zal ik | omkl |  | IB, $\ln .495$ |
|  | How want | will I | turn | und(?) |  |

In a few cases this modal verb selects a CP complement (45a), besides that, it triggers the infinitival marker te (45b).

[^173]ia. hy sal self will sien om reg te kom he will self want/well see for right to come
b. hysal self wil weet hoe dit met die familie gaan he will self want/well know how it with the family goes
 . but I don it want io trade with the missionary.

Period II also features the Dutchimperfective form wille (/wilde), on one occasion the Afrikaans (and Dutch) preterite form wou ( $1 \mathrm{~B}, \ln , 222$ ) is realized; the forms of the infinitive in its complement (most often hebben in "I want to have...") are $81 \%$ correct Dutch infinitival forms.

Sentences including the modal verb mogen (may) are sporadic. There are three incidences in Period 1, four in Period II, and one in Period III. As a finite verb it is realized as mag or mog(t); in an infinitival position, after Period I, in the correct Dutch form mogen. Nonetheless, the instances are too few to make steadfast generalizations about which realization was the preferred form.
(46a) of zal ik magg om andere Kapiteins zyn mensch de strafen IB, in. 300 whether will I may for other captain's his people to punish
(b) de zuidelyk Hoofden [...] heb Wens van $u$ te mogen hooren... III, In.111-114 the southern chiefs |...| have wish from you to may hear...

The modal verb with the highest frequency is zullen/zal (will). As a finite verb it is realized in the correct Dutch form, first person singular zal, the forerunner of present-day SA sal. Examining the occurrences of this modal verb as the finite verb in the sentence, $12 \%$ appear in a subordinate clause structure ( $152 / 22$ ). Despite the fact that as a result of the lack of complementisers and the scarcity of punctuation etc. it is not easy to tell which verb-second structures were intended as subordinate clauses, I estimate that roughly half of all the main clause structures are intended as subordinate clauses. ${ }^{36}$ In table (47) these data are quantified.

[^174]WORD ORDER INCEUDING TME MODAL VERB ZAL


Again, Period II falls out dramatically with more than $50 \%$ subordinate clause structures. As we have seen with other modal verbs, the choice of the Dutch or the Afrikaans form of the infinitive in the clauses where verb-second has applied, cannot be characterized any better than as random. In table (48) the realization of infinitival forms in the complement of $z a l$ in sentences with a main clause word order (i.e. structures, both intended as a main clause or as a subordinate clause, the latter both with and without an overt complementiser) is quantified.

INFINITIVES IN MAIN CLAUSE STRUCTURES IN THE COMPLEMENT OF ZAL

| Period | Total infinitives | V-[other] | $\%$ of non-infinitival forms ${ }^{37}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| II 117 46 $39.31 \%$ <br> II 13 1 $7.68 \%$ <br> III 22 11 $50 \%$ |  |  |  |

Again the letters in Period II diverge from the earlier and the later letters. In contrast to these figures, in embedded clauses in which $v / 2$ has not applied, i.e. the canonical Dutch (as well as present-day SA) word order for subordinated clauses, we encounter $100 \%$ correct Dutch infinitival forms. In Period II this includes one hypercorrective form jagden ('to hunt'; Dutch jagen [inf.], jaagden [past, 1-3PL], Afrikaans: jag). In other words, from these data it becomes clear that subordinate clauses are characterized as metropolitan Dutch-oriented structures in contrast to the verb-second sequences.

[^175]As whthe other modal verbs, zal sometimes triggers a participial form of the verb (49a-d), ${ }^{38}$ as well as the infinitival marker fe (49e).
(49a) Verdelmin oute Wellen zalik u brief geschrife... IA. In. 227
tell me old Willem, will you letier writen
(b) zal ikU in geroep in dieoorloog IA. In 229
will you in called in the war
(c) dat Anderzon niet zal opmywerf gekomen met oorlog om... IA. In. 358 that Andersson not will on my werf came with war for...
(d) ..of zal mij huis gekom om daat... IB, ln. 329
(e) .dan [=zodat $]$ zalu die land de krijgen IA, In. 392 .. then (/thus) will you the land to get

Verb Raising with more than two verbs in the complement of zal is rare. Out of the 152 occurrences of zal as the finite verb in a main clause word order, five instances involve three verbs; on one occasion four verbs (50f) are combined. Overall, clusters exceeding two verbs total only $3.9 \%$ of the verbal cluster formations. Note the four-verb cluster is in a 'German' word order, c.q. in the O-V sequence of the verbs. The Dutch is represented in $(50 \mathrm{~g})$.

| (50a) | $\begin{aligned} & \text {...dat gy } \\ & \text {...that you } \end{aligned}$ | zal <br> will | vrede peace | zal stegt <br> will make |  | IA, In. 53 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | ik wens ik | zal | op | mij land drak getroke | komen | 1A. 11.199 |
|  | 1 wish I | will | on | my land retum moved | come |  |
| (c) | of zalu | vrede | maak | heeft |  | 1A, In. 244 |
|  | or will yo | peace | make | has |  |  |
| (d) | maar ik | zal | moet | daarkom |  | IB, In. 495 |
|  | but I | will | must | there come |  |  |
| (e) | ik zal laden | Doodsc | ieden | zoo en mensch |  | IB. $\ln .678$ |
|  | I will let | cad-shoo |  | such a person |  |  |

[^176](f) zal ik steel blyfen laden uliden witte menschen die land ons af nemen IB, in. 725 shall I steal stay let you white people the land us away take
(g) Zal ik u, blanke mensen, het land laten blijven stelen, van ons afnemen? Dutch

However, as (50f) would be the sole example of such a multiple verb cluster an alternative interpretation of steel as the adjective stil (quiet, silent), rendering a sentence "shall I keep quiet, let you, white people take our land away", seems equally plausible. As shown in general, it is clear that Jan Jonker has difficulty with multiple verb constructions including lat(en) (cf. (51a) below) on the model of the acrolect.

A further three examples in this corpus could be classified as infelicitous three-verb complexes. In one instance (51a) the addition of the passive auxiliary is superfluous (or, erroneously replaces causative laten?), in (51b) ou contraire, the passive auxiliary is lacking, ${ }^{39}$ and (51c) is analyzed ${ }^{40}$ as omission of perhaps raken (get).
(51a) maar ik zal nog die topenaars but I will yet the Topnaars punish be when I return come
(b) ..niemer zal andere menschen verhender ___ met zyn weegen de looppen III, in. 85 ..never will other people hindered with his roads to walk
(c) en ook vele zillen iewegheid geverloren_. III, in. 170
and also many will eternity lost
IB, $\ln .396$
straaven woorden als ik dereg kom

In those subordinate clauses which structurally conform to the Dutch superstrate, the frequency of three-verb cluster combinations is higher ( $18.18 \%$ three-verb clusters; $4 / 22$ ), as well as the grammaticality of the constructions ${ }^{41}$ compared to the Standard Dutch example; VR and VPR alternate. Notably ( $52 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ ) originate from letter № 13 (to Cape governor Wodehouse) and (52d) from

[^177]Period II. All are examples of the more studied style or register.
(52a) dat Haybittle zal kan zegge
1A. $\ln .509$
that Haybittle will can say
(b) ..dat alle menschen [die...], zal kan overteeg

1A. 1n.52]
.that all people [who...], will can convince (=witness)
(c) dat de Leeraar zal kan de menschen onterwysengeven IA. In. 531
.that the teacher will can the people educations-give
(d) en wanneer hy zich niet zal laten bestraffen,... il. in. 301 and when he himpself not will let $\mid \mathrm{be}]$ punished

Besides this, zal appears in the complement of other verbs, an option that is not available in either Afrikaans or in Dutch. ${ }^{42}$
(53a) ik moet zal vragen maar dat is niet waar
IA. In. 343
I must will ask but that is not true
(b) zoo weet ik niet, hoe vel ben zal ik u gef voorander klederen in, In. 258 so know I not, how much am will yougive for.other clothes
(c) en dan die manen van velschondragers, die hief zal opgegaan om... IB. In. 549 and then the men of Veldskoendragers, who have will advanced for...
(d) Hoe wel zal ik nu omklaar maar ik moed... IB. In. 495 Hoe want will I now turn around but I must....

[^178]As mentioned above cluster formation of more than two verbs appears chiefly with the verb $/ a t e n$ Initially, as an infinitive Jan Jonker writes lat(en) as a prefix to the main verb. ${ }^{43}$ Thereafter it occurs also in VPR constructions (54i).
(54a) ..ulieden moet eers die omstandugheid laastan

1A. In. 17 you must first the circumstance let-stay
(b) zoo moet mijn Heer Damras ook latweten lat... IA. M. 153 so must Mr. Damara also let-know. that....
(c) ..zoo __ mijn Heer Daniel C ook latweten. IA. in 157 ...so Mr. Daniel C. also let-know
(d) Daarom heb ik dardie brief Daniel geladschrijfen

IA. $\ln .314$ therefore have I that letter Daniel let-write
(e) en heeft hulle [...] van een werf of stateen gelaat stand IA. in $48+$ and has them ... from a werf or station let stand
(f) maar Persiba zyn menschen wel niet Damras laden dreken IB. In. 649 but Berseba his people want not Damaras let move
(g) zoo moet mijn Heer mijn daarna lad wetten IB. In.666 so must Mr. my thereof let know
(h) ik zal laden doodschieden zoo een mensch iB, in.678 I will let dead-shoot sucha person
(i) ik moet $u$ en Kamaharero [...] laden daarna bekend maak IB. In. $688^{14}$ I must you and Kamaharero let thereof known make

In (54d, e) a participial form occurs where in Dutch the IPP effect is invoked (\$5.1.3.1). As observed in Van Rensburg (1984:151ff) in ORA the IPP-effect is relaxed (see also Links 1983:164, Fourie 1985:117). Present-day ORA features instances with the participial prefix ge- appearing on either verb in the cluster ( $55 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ), sometimes on both ( 55 c ). Notably also in four-verb clusters in a passive ${ }^{45}$

[^179]construction. which cannot translate laten as a causative (55d). ${ }^{46}$

| (55a) | Ons het op dié manier We have on that way |  | gelê sukkel en so <br> lay-trudge and so | gekom aankom came arrive | Kharkams. p. $162^{\text {d }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) | Hy het net sy | sy pa kom | gegroet |  | Kharkams. p. 162 |
| (c) | He has just die Kaapse the Cape | his dad come gôwerment govermment | greeted <br> het geloop Captain has walked Captain | ayi hier gestuur <br> gh here sent | GA84.37. 10.53 |
| (d) | In die Kamneboo | o so' | noo't vark geslag | wôre nie, of ou |  |
|  | In the Kamdeboo | would | ver pig slaught | c not orold |  |
|  | Mertiens Booyse | ce moet | gelaat kom wôr |  | Kulne 1984:3 |
|  | Martin Booyse | must | let come be |  |  |

In the three-verb cluster governed by the temporal auxiliary Jan Jonker consistently prefers to prefix the second verb (i.c. laten), with the particle ge. ${ }^{48}$ From the perspective of the process of VR in Dutch this is straightforwardly explained if we assume a particle-like status of laten, rendering these verb clusters two-verb clusters, $[A u x]_{\mathrm{V} 1}+[/ a(1)-\mathrm{V}]_{\mathrm{V} 2}$, in which in Dutch the IPP effect would also not be invoked ( $\$ 5.1 .3 .1$ ). The verbs to which laten is attached appear in their full Dutch infinitival form in $87.5 \%$ of the cases. For example, the verb weten (to know), which in this corpus ordinarily only appears as a finite verb in constructions selecting a finite complement, ${ }^{49}$ is always realized as the present-day SA form, the Dutch singular form weet. ${ }^{50}$ As a complement to laten it is realized in the correct acrolectal form weten.

[^180]Excluding the temporal auxiliary as the finite verb, to which we will turn presently, there are no other examples of $V(P) R$ clusters with more than two verbs in this corpus. From the verbs that participate in the Afrikaans hendiadys construction ( $\$ 5.2 .5$ ) only stach is attested, but only in two-verb sequences (cf. Appendix 1, section IB, $\ln .143, \ln .367, \ln .712, \ln .734$ ).

Summarizing, inflectional morphology on the finite verb is largely according to present-day Afrikaans convention (the bare stem form). Preterite forms are not observed, except for a few instances in the acrolectal letters (Period II); modal verb forms appear as a bare stem form correlating with the first person singular Dutch forms. Subordinate clause formation merely existed on a pattern provided by the metropolitan Dutch standard, inclusive of the orthographical conventions. From the inventory of verbal complements to the modal verbs, it becomes clear that subordinate clause formation as in Dutch and Afrikaans, must be classified as a studied, acrolectal propensity of Jan Jonker's grammar. The reason for this conclusion is that they are both relatively rare constructions and that in these instances the Dutch infinitival inflectional paradigm still seems fully in place. In contrast, where verbs appear in the main clause word order (i.e where verb-second has applied, be it a structural main clause or a subordinate clause) the infinitival inflection is realized unsystematically at an average of approximately $50 \%$ correct acrolectal forms; on occasion a participial form of the verb is realized in the infinitival slot. Maintaining the assumption that the Dutch participial prefix ge-functioned as a 'tense' (/TMA) marker in ORA, the verbal paradigm is reduced to two competing forms: the stem form (short form) and the full infinitival form (long form), the Afrikaans form versus the Dutch form, perhaps the spoken form versus the written form. The apparent numerical limitation of two verbs per clause can be attributed both to language transfer in a situation of abrupt language adaptation (creolization), as well as to imperfect SLA. In conclusion, these facts indicate that the nineteenthcentury ORA variety as featured in this corpus was based on a basic pattern (56a), as illustrated by the example in (56b).
(56a) XP/(subject) - Aux - (XP/ negation $\left.{ }^{51}\right)-$ Object $-(\mathrm{XP} /$ particles $)-(\text { ge- })^{52}-$ Main Verb
(b) 1 Altomits zal Bergdamaras daar leugens bring
maybe will Bergdamaras there lies bring
2 ik heben komande naar Otimbinw komen (,)
I have commando to Otyimbingwe come
3 moet gy e niet gelooven. IB, $\ln 398$-401 must you itthem not believe

In the next paragraph an analysis is presented of verbal complementation under the temporal auxiliary which will further substantiate this assessment.
6.3.4.2 Verbal complementation under the temporal auxiliary

Analyzing the sentences in the correspondence of Jan Jonker which include the temporal auxiliary, I made a division according to the Dutch principle that main clauses are subject to the verb-second constraint and that subordinate clauses show an $\mathrm{O}(\ldots \mathrm{V}) \mathrm{V}$ word order. In number, 79 sentences show the subordinate clause structure whereas verb-second has applied in 335 sentences, i.e. in $80,91 \%$ of the sentences which contain the temporal auxiliary and/or a participial form of the verb (infra). Slightly less than two-thirds of the latter are authentic main clauses, the remainder are subordinate clauses in which verb-second has applied. Generally speaking, the overt complementiser introducing finite complements is highly irregular. Of the 79 sentences which feature the verb(s) clause-finally (in the OV-order), sixteen ( $20.25 \%$ ) lack a complementiser. Nine ( $56.25 \%$ ) of these are relative clauses. The remaining seven sentences are complements of verbs like horen (to hear), weten (to know) and wensen (to wish). Of the 63 clauses introduced by an overt complementiser or relative pronoun, 29 are relative clauses ( $46.03 \%$ ) and 34 are in the complement of verbs like vertellen (to tell), weten (to

[^181]know), zeggen (to say), zien (to see) and schrijven (to write). Thus, the presence or the absence of a complementiser does not depend on the matrix verb. Although the orthography is irregular, there are only a few mistakes in the choice of a participial verb form. In only three instances in the Dutch canonical subordinate clause structures, the temporal auxiliary precedes the participle (3.79\%). Thus, the present-day Afrikaans pattern which demands the temporal auxiliary clause-finally (see §5.2.2.1) was firmly in place. Overall the structures which include the 'temporal auxiliary' are rendered in a regular format as in (57a) for matrix clause structures, and (57b) for embedded clause structures.
(57a) XP/subject - aux - XP/subject- participle (aux)
(b) ( $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ ) - XP/subject - [...] - participle - (aux)

As indicated by the brackets the temporal auxiliary itself seems to be an optional element as well as an element which can appear twice (duplicated) in the clause. These properties will be discussed in subsequent paragraphs.

In (58) the present-day Dutch and Afrikaans paradigm of the temporal auxiliary ${ }^{53}$ hebben/he (to have) is presented.

[^182]Afrikaans has retained the Dutch forms of zijn 3 S (is and was) in the passive voice (see De Villiers 1971:34).

|  | DUTCH <br> present tense |  | AFRIKAANS <br>  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Simple past |  |  |  |

The Afrikaans infinitival form he is only available as a main verb (to have, to possess); not in the function of the auxiliary verb. In the latter case only het can surface.

In the correspondence of Jan Jonker Afrikaner a regular division of forms for Person and Number is maintained as shown in (59).
(59) Condugation of hebben (TO have) in the corpus of letters by Jan J. Afrikaner

|  |  | 1 S | 2 S | 2 S | 3 S | 1PL | IPL | 2PL | 3 PL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $i k$ | $g i j$ | 2 | $h i j / h y$ | $w i j$ | ons | gijlieden/ <br> ulieden | zij/hen(n)e <br> zul/hulle |
| 15 | heb | heb | heb |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2S | hebt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3S | heeft |  |  | hief(t) | hief() |  | $\operatorname{hief}(\mathrm{t})$ | hief( ${ }^{\text {( }}$ | hief(t) |
| 1 PL | hebben | heb(b)en |  |  |  | heb(b)en |  |  |  |
| 2PL | hebben |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3PL | hebben |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{54}$ In inversion constructions $2 S$ is realized as heb (ia); the formal pronoun $u(2 S, 2 P L)$ takes the form heeft (ib).
ia. Heb(*t) jij dat gedaan?
Did you do it?
b. U heefi waarschijnlijk allen de notulen gelezen.

You probably all read the minutes.

For 1 S both heb and heb(b)en are in use, the latter chiefly in opening sentences as "ik heb(b)en twe brief (ge)ontvangen" (I have received your letter). The 2 S pronoun gij usually takes heb, whereas $u$ combines with the form hieft. 3S, 2PL and 3PL are, with the odd exceptions, also realized as hief( $t$ ). $1 P L$ is neatly divided depending on the pronominal form that is used: combined with the present-day Afrikaans invariant pronoun ons as the subject, hieff( is the dominant form; where the pronoun takes the Dutch nominative form wij, the corresponding correct Dutch form hebben (also spelled heben) features. In his acrolectal period (Period II) hebben alternates with hadden, on one occasion we see a 3PL form heeft crossed out and corrected with hadden (Appendix I, section II, In. 124).

Summarizing, the paradigm for the temporal auxiliary still shows distinct inflection for Person and Number, depending on the form of the subject, but not for Tense. The second person singular and first person plural have distinct forms depending on the pronominal form that is used (gijvs. $u$; ons vs. wij). Both 'doubled' auxiliaries, and clauses without a finite verb are not uncommon. In the next section we will examine the latter; in $\S$ 6.3.4.2.2 the duplicated forms will be investigated.

### 6.3.4.2.1 Suspension of the temporal auxiliary

As indicated in previous sections Roberge (1994b), advocates the view that the Dutch participle prefix ge-sufficed as a Tense marker in basilectal CDV.
[T]he standard view [...] ignores pertinent facts, among them the prospect that ge (logether with its invariant form $g a$ ) may also have functioned as an unbound tense marker in creolized Cape Dutch; that is, without the Dutch perfect auxiliaries hebben and zijn (Roberge 1994b:67).

This assessment is predominantly based on the recorded speech of a French immigrant (the bijwoner Isaac Albach, a Parisian, quoted in the diary of Louis Trichardt, anno 1837), which may have to be interpreted as an exaggerated representation of the basilectal stratum of the CDV (cf. Chapter Two, p.39). Conradie (2000:34) points out the same phenomenon from other non- L 1 "Hollands" speakers in the CDV record, extending the documentation of this usage with the record from nineteenthcentury Arabic-Dutch scriptures from the Cape (see also Roberge 1999b:104). The corpus of letters from Jan Jonker Afrikaner further supports the proposed analysis. In the present corpus suspension
of the finite temporal auxiliary occurs in $23 \%$ of the subordinate clause structures ( 60 ). ${ }^{55}$ Fifteen of these are relative clauses ((62), infra).


In (60a) the temporal frame is clearly a pluperfect, (60b) can either be a perfect tense or a pluperfect. Besides the [ + past] temporal reference in both instances, (60a) appears in a conditional clause, (60b) carries the notion 'hearsay'. In the context it is to be interpreted as a conditional threat "if you have done that, then ....". The paragraph ends "[I] am watching the Basters [and you]". Although most often it is the finite form of the temporal auxiliary ${ }^{57}$ that is lacking, there are some instances where

[^183]| ia. | hatt hon |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ..that he har | varit siuk. |
| been ill |  |

a modal verb governs a participial form, which leads one to assume that an infinitival form of the temporal auxiliary is suspended, as shown in (38) and (49) above, partly repeated in (61).
(61a) Zoo kan ik ook niet weggegaan $\qquad$

| van huis afvan die reigen |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| from home away for 622 |  |
| om ... |  |
| for... |  |
| IA, $\ln .225$ |  |

(b) of zall ik mensch uit gestuur _om
(c) Verdel mijn oute Wellen zal ik u brief geschriffe _of boschaap gestuur. Tell me old Willem will I you letter written or message sent...

1A. In. 227
(d) [dat ...] Welem [...hen...] beroof en wil doodgemaak ___ op Petrus [...] werf that Willem [...them..] robbed and want deadmake on Petrus werfIB, in. 270

Translated into Dutch the modal verbs in the examples in (61) would be rendered in the simple past tense form of the modal (kon (could), zou (would), zou (would), wou (would), respectively), carrying the irrealis meaning (cf. Bosker 1961). Like (60b) above, (61d) is in the complement of horen (to hear) carrying the notion of hearsay. From the context it is clear that an interpretation which purports that the divergent participles replace the infinitival forms is difficult to uphold. Notably, unlike other syntactic traits in Jan Jonker's grammar there is no particular decline or increase per divisional period. However, the majonity of the examples are found in relative clauses, regardless of the presence or

| ${ }^{57}$ (...contimed) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| b. | Han | maste | (ha) | varit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { sjuk. } \\ & \text { ill } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | he | must | have | been |  |  |
| c. | Han | * (har) | varit | sjuk. |  |  |
|  | he | has | been | ill |  |  |
| d. | *(Har) | han | varit | sjuk? |  |  |
|  | has | he | been | ill |  |  |
| iia. | ..daß | er | es | * (hat) |  | fallen | lassen. |
| a'. | ..dak | er | es |  |  | fallen | gelassen ' (hat). |
|  | ..that | he | it | have | fall | let have |
| b. | ..da $\beta$ | er | gelacht *(haben) |  | mag. |  |
|  | ..that | he | laughed | have | may |  |
| c. | Er *(hat) es nicht gelesen. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | He has if not read |  |  |  |  |  |
| c' | *(Hat) er es gelesen? |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Has he it read? |  |  |  |  |  |

absence of the relative clause marker (62).
(62) PERIODI(A):
(a) (dan zal ik u raguit verdeelen) hoe vel mannen gewees __ van mij dat ge vertelen then will I you straight tell how many men been of me that told IA, $\ln .87$
(b) ..die dag wat ons eerste oorlog gemaak $\qquad$ naar Otyimbingw
...the day that we first war made to Otyimbingwe
1A, $\ln 172$

PERIOD I(B):
(c) en die tabak my Heer my gezenden ___die hief topenaars op te pad Berg Damras afgenemen and the tobacco Mr. me sent that have Topnaars on the path Bergdamaras taken
(d) Ik hebben uwen brief, die u vijfde July geschryven $\qquad$ die heb ik 20 Julij geontvangen I have your letter which you five July written, that have I 20 July received PERIOD II:
(e) ..omu de lat wetten die dengen dien gy $\qquad$ ,... II, in. 32 ..for you to let know
(f) en voorste drek van hun is nu al naby van
and first $\quad \begin{array}{lll}\text { move from them is now already near of } & \text { in } 7\end{array}$ and first move from them is now already near of \#Noozop welke hy vooruitgeladen drekken: $\qquad$ Nossob REL 3 S in front.GE-let move

PERIOD III:
(g) Heermanus va Wyk is eerste Kaptein van bloed vergoden ${ }^{58} \quad$ ___ in ander kaptein zyn grond Hermanus van Wyk is first captain of blood spilled in other captain his ground
(h) ...in de brieven van my die ik aan Kap. Mannasa en Paul visser geschreven ...in the letters of me which to Capt. Mannasa and Paul Visser written III, In. 218

Clearly, the bare participle in the context of the relative clauses expresses perfective aspect. In certain

[^184]contexts it could be argued that the participle simply replaces a Dutch simple past tense form (63). ${ }^{59}$
(63a) Verdel mijn [...] waner heb u een keer hier gekom vandat $u$ hier in die land gekomen om... Vertel me, wanneer bent u een keer hiergekomen (kwam..), sinds u in het land kwam (bent gekomen om...) Tell me, when did you once visit me since you came here in this country to...

1A. In. 131
(b) zien die is Damras welte nasis gewees doe hief mij vader vrede gemaak.

Zie, dat zijn Damaras, die een natie waren (/*zijn geweest), toen mijn vader vrede maakte (? $/ \mathrm{fen]}$ toen heeft mijn vader vrede gemaaki.

IA, In. 542
See, those are the Damaras, who were (/*have been) a nation, when (?/then) my father made peace.

As argued above the participial form [gef -V$) \mathrm{V}]$ could function as a pluperfect as, for example, in (60a) witnessed by the temporal adverb voorheen (previously). In the previous sections ge was also encountered replacing the infinitival marker $t e$, as well as occurring in the complement of modal verbs in conditional clauses or with an irrealis meaning. All that can be concluded so far is that ge did serve as a verbal marker, but in a variety of functions, all of which contain a notion associated with $\mathbb{N F L}$, be it Tense ([+past],[-finite]), Aspect ([+perfect]), or Mood ([+irrealis]).

Although it cannot always unequivocally be distinguished from sheer ellipsis (cf. § 1.1, footnote 15, p.10), the suspension of finite verbs is also a prominent feature of present-day Griqua Afrikaans (64).
(64a) Want die oumense $\qquad$ nie vir ons entlek mooi uitgalê nie because the old people not for us actually nicely explained not

GA84, 57, In. 58
(b) ..dat hy gasê het det leik nou hom vrou ___ nou met anner mans galôp angan ...that he said has it seems now him wife now with other men went cheat

GA84, $70, \ln .137$
${ }^{39}$ Note that Dutch varies in this respect from English (Traas, n.d.: 10).
i. Vorige week heb ik hem een brief geschreven,...
*Last week I have sent him a letter, ...
ii. FVorige week schreef ik hem cen brief,.. Last week I sent him a letter,...
${ }^{60}$ From a quotation of Roelf Samuel Gys, see Chapter Four, p. 116.

The continuance of this particular feature of nineteenth-century ORA is prevalent, yet, in diachronic comparison the option to suspend the auxiliary seems to have spread in contemporary ORA. This will be further discussed in $\S 6.5$ after the survey and analysis of duplicated auxiliary verbs in the next section.

### 6.3.4.2.2 Duplication of auxiliary verbs

Double occurrence of main verbs as in (65a) is a regular innovative pattern in Afrikaans in imperatives, generic statements and other constructions in which the verb is fronted (65c) (topic fronting), similar to verb movement strategies in creole languages ( 65 d ), (after Muysken \& Veenstra 1995:158).
(65a) Eet moet jy eet. Afrikaans eat must you eat
Eat// You musl eat/ You better eat/ One has to eat.
(a') Werk, sal hy nie werk nie. work will he not work not
(b) Eten moet je (*eten).

Duich You must eat.
(b') Werken zal hij niet (*werken).
He (definitely) will not work.
(c) C: Sit jy nog goed daar Klaas? Is jou rug nie seer nie? A: Nee ek sit GA84, 336, in.5-7 sit you still good there Klaas is your back not sore not no I sit orrait, Baas. C: Issit? A: Sit, ik sit lekker, lekker, lekker. C: Ja.
alright boss is it sit I sit nice nice nice yes
(d) Rive Jan rive Mari pati.

Haitian arrive John arrive Mary leave
As soon as/ because John arrived, Mary left.

Besides these, another type of 'doubled' verbs occur with regular frequency in ORA amongst various verbal categories. (66) presents examples of verbs which are 'spelled out' at surface structure both, in the verb-second position and in situ (cf. § 6.3.5). This type of duplication (non-topic doubling)
occurs typically with the aspectual verbs ( $66 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$ ), but also with modal verbs ( $66 \mathrm{c}-\mathrm{d}$ ) and the temporal auxiliary ( $66 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{f}$ ). ${ }^{61}$ (Examples from various sources.)
(66a) Die vrôu gaan ôk nie grôt dorpe toe gan werk. (Hei gan werk tessen die plase en,....) The woman does not go to work in the big cities. (She goes to work on the farms...) GA84, 69, $\ln 1133$
(b) Daarvanaf sit ek mar soo soo peeseldjoppies sit en doen waar ek darem kan
'n tiekie vang en so.
GA84, 418, in. 106
There, I just sit and do occasional small jobs, which earns me a ittle money.
(c) dat is de handelar altyt zam met die Leeraar wonen daaromwel ik die handelar wellen aannemen.
... (it is so) that the traders always live near the priests, therefore I want to hire a trader.
(d) ...zoo dat ik kan nachtwerk kan doen.
L. Bosman 2.1.190062
...so that I can do nightwork.
(e) Ons het nie sommer op een plek gebly het nie.

GA84, 289, in. 17
We didn't just stay in one place.
(f) Helle was geseegent gewes om die rede alles het so voorspoediglek gewes het.

They were blessed because of the reason that everything looked so prosperous.
GA84, 165, $\ln .7$
*
In the present corpus of the Jan Jonker letters the temporal auxiliary heb/heeff occurs in this type of doubling in $10 \%$ of sentences in the 'perfect tense' in subordinate clauses, ${ }^{63}$ irrespective of the presence or absence of a complementiser (67).

[^185](67a) U sprok ook van mijn, ikheb noch niet kwat gedan heef. IA, In. 110 You talked also of my, I have yet not evil done have
(b) Gesteer heb ik uwee brief ontvangen en alles welgeverstan die hiefu min geschrifen heeft. Yesterday have I your letter received and all understood that have you my written have 1B, Im. 72

In contrast to the present-day Griqua Afrikaans examples (e.g. (66e) above), Jan Jonker makes a specific orthographic distinction between the verbal form in situ and the duplicated one in the verbsecond position, in accordance with the outline of his paradigm sketched above ((59), p.230), e.g., 1S heb as in (67a), 3PL hieft $(68 \mathrm{a})$, and 3 S hief( $t$ ) as in (68b), whereas heeft is the regular form in situ.
(68a) maar nu heb ik uitgevinden ulieden alle wittemenschen hief mij nam slaggabrou heeft But now have I found-out you all white people has my name misused has

IB, $\ln .12$
(b) Daarom hief Anderzon

Therefore has Andersson
nog deschen Damras oproer gedan heeft still between Damaras rebellion done has IA, $\ln .360$

The same 'addition' of heefi sentence-finally occurs with modal verbs (though less frequent), and, although (69a) and (69b) below are possible Dutch structures (abstracting away from the orthography) to form the future perfect tense, it is highly unlikely that this temporal relation was intended. The context of ( 69 c ) clearly indicates a future time reference. The distinctive form of the clause-final instance of the 'temporal' auxiliary (as heeft) further corroborates the fact that the verb does not function in the sentence to establish temporal relations.

(b) zeg mijn Raguit oute Vader zal u och oorlog maak of zal u vrede maak heeft IA, $\ln .241$ tell my straight old father will you still war make or will you peace make have
(c) en daarom wel ik niet meer vrede brief gelooven heeft IA, ln 340 and therefore want I not more peace letter believe have

Following the exposition of the verb-second phenomenon within the MP framework in the next paragraph, a structural analysis will be detailed in $\S 6.4$.

### 6.3.5 Verb Second

Recent proposals within the MP framework have analyzed the verb-second phenomenon as a Last Resort operation as a result of the absence of any Lexical-Categorical features in the AgrSP-node in the Germanic main clause (Zwart 1997). As discussed in § 6.4.1, in the Germanic languages AgrS is deemed to be strong. As a result the functional features of the finite verb (F[v]) are attracted by AgrS, but, according to the theory proposed by Zwart, whether the verb is spelled out in AcrS or in situ depends on whether the AGRS amalgam moves further up to $C$. In a simplified exposition this line of thought comprises the following assumptions. Lexical elements enter the derivation initially as bundles of features of different types. On the Verb, at least two types are identified: Functional features (F [v]) and Lexical-Categorical features (LC[v]). As the functional category AGRS, which is associated with the features of [ v ] is strong in the Germanic languages, F[v] is attracted by AgRS. Crucially, in the subject-initial main clause ${ }^{54}$ this is the topmost projection that is realized. AgrS being a Functional Projection has no Lexical-Categorial features of its own. As a Last Resort solution the LC-features of the verb pied-pipe to AgrS to satisfy morphology, resulting in AgrS spelled out as the Verb. In contrast in subordinate clauses the unit [AGRS ... [F [v]] moves on to $C$ and the complementiser in $C^{\circ}$ satisfies morphological conditions (cf. 71, infra). Thus, in the main clause $F$-movement to AGRS yields a morphosyntactic object as in (70a), whereas the embedded clause generates (70b).


[^186](b)


In the embedded clause the LC-features of the complementiser ( $\mathrm{LC}[\mathrm{c}]^{65}$ ) are present in the structure, and these, together with the F[v] are fed to the morphological component to create an interpretable object, which is thus realized as the complementiser. The LC-features of the verb remain in the VP and the verb is thus spelled out in this position (cf. (71b), below). In the main clause, however there are no lexical elements generated in, or associated with either $T$ or AGRS. Thus, it is argued that as a Last Resort operation the LC-features of the verb move overtly to AgrS, realizing AgrS as the finite verb in second position as (highly simplified) sketched in (71a,b); at the same time verb-second is dissociated from the $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ projection. (Positions where Spell-Out takes place are printed in bold.)
(71a) Main clause


[^187](b) Subordinate clause


In this copy theory of movement, duplicated finite verbs, as surveyed in the present corpus and as encountered in Orange River Afrikaans as (66e), repeated here in (72), could be seen as instances of doubly spelled out LC[v]'s.
(72) Ons het nie sommer op een plek gebly het nie
we have not just on one place stayed have not We didn't just stay in one place.

Thus, in these instances, the verb would seem phonetically realized both in situ (in the VP) and in a position in the Functional domain (C or AgrS). Two anomalies arise from the present data. As shown in $\S 6.3 .4 .2 .2$, in nineteenth-century ORA the two copies of the temporal auxiliary in these structures are orthographically different. Thus, per definition these structures are excluded as instances of LC-[verb]-'doubling', as the two copies are non-identical forms. In generative terms the LC-features of the verb are distinct in each instance. Secondly, returning to Jan Jonker's data as examined in the previous section, some subordinate clauses show a word order which cannot be accounted for by the above analysis. The presence of a complementising element does not seem to prevent the application of $v / 2$, i.e. to pied pipe the LC-features of the verb to AGRS, which is unmotivated from the theoretical perspective.

Adhering to the mechanism of $v / 2$ as sketched above, in terms of learnability conditions it means that the Dutch language learner has to learn the pied-piping movement of the verbal Lexical-Categorial features to the functional checking domain AgrS in the cases where CP is not projected. From the
perspective of the Nama grammar the verb-second mechanism is a novel, but perhaps a relatively simple rule to learn, prone to overgeneralization because it is a Last Resort rule, not restricted by other modules of the grammar, as Last Resort is called for by morphology to spell out a functional projection which would otherwise be left open. Asshown in § 6.2.1.1, Nama has an overt marker for the main clause by a merged ${ }^{66}$ lexical element ( $e, \mathrm{~g}$, $\mathrm{G} E_{\mathrm{i}+\mathrm{NDD}}$ ), in a fxed position: the second element in the main clause, which types the clause as such. At first sight it may look attractive to associate the Nama clause-typing particle $G E$ with $C^{\circ}$, parallel tg the Dutch (merged) subordinate clause indicator: the complementiser. ${ }^{67}$ On the evidence presented in this chapter, I propose that the Nama main clause XP is of a different quality than the embedded clauge XP which does not (cannot) host such a particle. As discussed in § 6.2.1.3, following Kayne's Antisymmetry Hypothesis, when the equivalent of the Germanic complementiser appears in the clause, Nama grammar demonstrates movement of the full embedded clause into the specifier of the overt $\mathrm{K}^{\circ}$, resulting in the clause-final appearance of the equivalent of the Germanic overt complementiser (73).

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\mathrm{xp}[\mathrm{AgrsP} \text { subject-object-particles-verb] }]_{\mathrm{i}}\left[\mathrm{X}^{\circ}[\text { AggSp } \ldots . . .]_{-i}\right]\right] \tag{73}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus, the embedded XP is deemed to have [ + strong] N -features in Nama, subjecting the clause to be 'attracted' to [spec, XP]. It is clear that in the main clause no such permutation takes place, hence the topmost main clause XP cannot be equal to the gubordinate clause topmost projection.

I propose that the Nama clause-typing particles (henceforth: CT) represent functional features associated with $v^{\circ}$, following recent analyses within the Minimalist Program which have elaborated on the internal structure of the verbal projection of a clause. Based on earlier proposals of a layered VP (the VP shell of Larson, 1988) these analyses suggest that the lexical 'VP' includes nodes that host aspect, event and/or voice phrases (see Wurmbrand 1998:112 and the references mentioned there). It is assumed that the VP is embedded in a functional category, VP , which is postulated as a 'light verb phrase' and which hosts the external argument of the clause (see Koopman \& Sportiche

[^188]1988). The basic configuration is presented as in (74).


I assume the head of the light verb phrase, $v^{0}{ }^{68}$ to be associated in a checking relation with a projection in the functional domain. ${ }^{69}$ Applying this to the clause structure of Nama the vP in a main clause (c.q. $\mathrm{VP}_{[- \text {subordinate }}$ ) will project a functional phrase in which a particle, for example, $G E$ is merged as its head. The vP in the subordinate clause in Nama is not associated with such overt clause- typing information. ${ }^{70}$ Dutch, in typological contrast, specifies a complementiser when VP has a positive value for [ $\alpha$ subordinate], otherwise this functional phrase is not projected (75). As a result verb-second is forced as a Last Resort operation (supra).

[^189]\[

$$
\begin{aligned}
& *(\text { als }) / *(\mathrm{of}) / *(\text { dat }) /(* o m) \text { Karel Paula zoent } \\
& \text { if or fhat for Karel Paula kisses } \\
& *(\text { om }) /(* a l s) /(* o n) /(* \text { dat }) \text { Paula te zoenen } \\
& \text { for if or that Paula to kiss }
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

As argued by Zwart, the topmost projection of the Dutch subject-initial main clause is the AgrSP node, which means that subject-initial main clauses in Dutch do not project a CP. Topicalised constituents, or Wh-phrases enlarge the structure with a TopP, or WhP respectively. The topicalised constituent itself is base-generated as a satellite to a so-called $d$-word ${ }^{71}$ in the specifier of the TopP (76). or the wh-word in the specifier of the WhP (Zwart 1997:247-251). From this analysis ${ }^{72}$ it follows that in Dutch $C^{\circ}$ is reserved for a base-generated (merged) complementiser ${ }^{73}$ only

[^190](76a) [Piet] -[Topp die: [Top ken [AgsP ik niet $\left.\left.t_{i}\right]\right]$ Piet, I don't know him.
(b) [het boek] - [Topp $d a t_{i}\left[\right.$ Top $\quad$ Lagrsp ik gisteren las $t_{\mathrm{i}}$ I]]

The book that I read yesterday.

On language-typological grounds, such as the fact that "real" CPs always must be extraposed (in SOV terms which means in essence that in typologically typical SOV languages they have to appear linearly to the right), Den Besten (2000a:5) has suggested that Nama embedded clauses do not project a CP as Nama embedded clauses do not show this restriction. Secondly, there is the observation that the Khoesan languages in general do not have $\mathbb{C}^{\circ}$-type lexical items but rather derived nominals in this position (Rainer Vossen, p.c., January 2000). Thirdly, as noted above, the head of the Germanic equivalent of a complementiser in an embedded clause attracts its complement into its specifier. Refraining from deliberating the details of these considerations, I emphasize the contrastive parallel between Dutch and Nama, that the former has no CP projection in the main clause and therefore pied-pipes the verbal LC-features into the functional domain. In the latter, on the assumption that it does not project a CP in embedded clauses, a (perhaps) nominal element is inserted into the topmost functional slot (infra). Even if we were to hold on to the assumption that all clauses are headed by a CP , the observation is that the CP with as its head a merged complementiser (c.q. a clause-type marker in the main clause in Nama, or an overt complementiser in the subordinate clause in Dutch), is of a different quality than the CP with a lexical item that has been moved into the head-position.

[^191]

The language-typological difference of the main clause CP projection vis- $\grave{a}$-vis an embedded clause CP generated with a merged $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ as sketched, can be formalized as in (77):
(77a) $[\mathrm{CP}] \rightarrow\left[+\mathrm{C}^{\circ}\right] /[\mathrm{VP}[+$ main clause CT$\left.]]\right]$ Nama []$\rightarrow[-\mathrm{CP}]$
(b) $[\mathrm{CP}] \rightarrow\left[+\mathrm{C}^{\circ}\right] /[\mathrm{VP}[+$ subordinate clause CT$]]$ Dutch []$\rightarrow[-\mathrm{CP}]$

The initial outcome in terms of generating a CP with a merged head as the overt complementiser will be the same for main clauses and subordinate clauses, as these two rules are mirror images of each other. Yet, typologically the default values differ in opposite direction. This is taken to be of relevance in the process of the convergence (see McMahon 1994:213, Kouwenberg 1999) of two contesting grammars, in terms of the two systems imposing conflicting structural requisites (see § 6.4).

On the basis of an analysis of the Noun Phrase in Nama as (sentential) clauses (Haacke 1992, and the references cited there), witnessed by apparent tensed nouns as in (78) (from Haacke 1992:159), 1 assume TP to have $[+$ strong $]$-features which attract the complement XP into the [Spec, TP].
(78a) $\left[_{\text {Agrsp }}\left[\left[_{T P}\left[{ }_{\mathrm{NP}} \text { gao-ao }\right]_{\mathrm{i}}[\mathrm{T}\right.\right.\right.$ ge i] ts $] \ldots \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ chief were 2S
You who were chief.
 chief is $2 S$
You (who are) chief.

For the moment, not having any deeper insight into the grammar of Nama embedded clauses, but for the observation that the lemmata that translate into Dutch complementisers occur clause-finally (cf. (14), p.197), I will assume the topmost projection in the embedded clause in Nama is TP, onto which specifier the clause is attracted. This is further corroborated by the observation that the Tense particles are always stranded clause-finally. Although I have no further data about the optionality of the CT particle in Stellung B (cf. (1c,d), p.188) perhaps this is an indication why GE is preferably not projected when this permutation takes place.

### 6.4 Conversion of Functional Categories

### 6.4.1 The main clause

Recall from $\$ 4.3$ that in a language contact situation it is argued that the substrate provides the grammatical framework, it is the 'coat hanger' from which the newly forming language initially draws the projections in the Functional domain ${ }^{74}$ onto which the superstrate's lexical items are "fitted". As argued in Chapter Four on the level of the lexical entries, PGN-markers may very well have been in use in the early contact situation but were hardly recorded anywhere for the reason that they were meaningless to the non-Nama speaker. The examples from Code Switching data as presented in Chapter Four, (example (28), p.132-133, partly repeated here in (79a)) further show a subsequent stage in which the 'system morphemes' on the morphological level have become duplicated. On the level of the Lexical projections this seems also a confirmed choice, as shown in (79b) from contemporary Standard Afrikaans, ${ }^{75}$ and in (79c) from the present corpus. Duplicated relexifications ${ }^{76}$ of this type occur both with NPs, APs as well as VPs and are attested since the Cape Dutch pidgin data (79d).

| (79a) | But | ma-day-s | a-no.... |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | but | CL6/PL [shons] $^{- \text {day }-\mathrm{PL}_{\text {[English] }} \text { }}$ | $\mathrm{CL6}^{\text {/DEM }}{ }_{\text {[shoma }} \ldots$ |
|  | but in those days |  |  |
| (b) | 'n tamaai-groot boom |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

a big -big tree $^{77}$

[^192]

In these examples no change of meaning, as featured in regular reduplicated forms, seems involved. ${ }^{80}$ On the assumption that in the case of abrupt language change functional nodes are typically not transferred, but are present on the pattern of the substrate grammar (Kamwangamalu 1999, MyersScotton 2000), these examples are regularly expected, accepting an articulated theory of the lexicon. In this theory form (phonology), function (grammar) and meaning (semantics) are autonomous entites within a lexical entry, and thus can be independently drawn from different languages (see Lumsden 1999).

Further Code Switching data show that duplication also occurs on the level of IP with copular verbs in non-adjacent positions (80). ${ }^{\text {. }}$


[^193]From this data it is not unexpected that the 'Hollands grammar' of the Nama speaker includes Nama functional projections, c.q. that Nama forms the 'coat hanger' in the functional domain.

Concurrently Dutch, or rather some form of the CDV as the uncontested target to achieve, also imposed its structural specifications. In accordance with the Dutch syntax, the main clause verbsecond rule rendered a surface-identical string to the Nama structures centering around the CT particle, both in subject-initial sentences and in inversion constructions (position 2 in (81) infra). This led to the cognitive association of these two projections because they exclusively signal main clause, declarative word order in both languages.
(81) main clause

| 1 | 2 |  | 3 | 4 | [...] 5 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| XP | ces ent |  | XP(/subject) | XP(/object) | V | Nama |
| XP |  | Asm, Vis | XP (/subject) | XP(/object) | $V_{i}$ | Dutch |

From (81), in terms of structural notions as proposed in the Minimalist Program, I argue that in the grammar of nineteenth-century ORA, as featured in the Jan Jonker corpus, competing Functional Projections became simultaneously operative at some point. In a subsequent stage fluidity in the matrix language (when neither the substrate (Nama), nor the superstrate (Dutch) overruled as a matrix language) resulted in both languages' stipulated values being included in the structure, as will be discussed in the next section.

### 6.4.2 The subordinate clause

Recall from $\S 6.3 .2$ that acrolectal embedded clause structures are typically absent; in the small number of subordinate clauses that are formed on the acrolectal pattern an analogous intrusion as observed in (81), interpreted as the result of conflicting information in the functional domain, can be witnessed. Dutch syntax requires the CP projection to be overtly realized in the embedded clause as an indication of this status (cf. (75), p.244). Nama syntax, in contrast, types the main clause, accreditive or interrogative clause by a merged functional element, leaving the embedded clause as the unmarked type. As shown in the previous sections, in Jan Jonker Afrikaner's texts the selection of a complementiser is highly irregular. Often a zero complementiser is chosen (82a), but at the same
time infinitival complements to modal verbs can also occur with an overt complementiser ( $\$ 6.3 .4 .1$ ) This leads to the observation that as a functional node, the superstrate paradigm of complementisers was only partly acquired. Instead of a $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ Dutch lexical item (cf. (75), p.244), a verbal element typically in the vicinity (c.q. in the place) of $C^{\circ}$ is found in this position. As discussed in 86.3 .2 , on the one hand there is the emergence of laat as a complementiser in the $\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$ position ( 82 b ), besides instances in which an auxiliary verb appears in this function ( $82 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}$ ).
(82a) ik Melden $u$ deze baarregels ___ an $u$ de lad weden ___ ik zoo veer gekom op Dabes I mention you these few lines 10 you to lei know 1 so far come on Dabes IA. In. 145-146
(b) Zien lieve Heer, verteel uwe menschen lad henen niet vreesten, als iB. In.333 see dear sir tell your people that they not fear. if...
(c) ik heb ook gehoord heb minn Heer Brieker wel Barmen drekken IB. In. 80
I have also heard have Mr.
om de vrag is dat wants Barmen move
dis: for to ask is that irue is

Thus we observe that CT/AgrS became associated with C , which in its extreme manifestation led to the realization of multiple "CPs" (83).
(83a) Hij zeg zoo de als waner zal, menschen onwelieg _t $t_{i}$ ___(,) dat zal... IA, In. 92 he say so the/that if when will people unwilling [be] that will...
(b) hoe is $\underline{S}_{\text {i }}$ dat gyliden soo steemeg _t._(?) III. In. 161 how is that you so moody

Comparably, two verbs in the verb-second position are the result of the same structural option to duplicate this node. Following proposals about CP recursion involving CPs with distinct feature specifications, the so-called arficalated (P) rechision (Vikner 1994:135, 1995), I will use the term ZP for the duplicated occurrence.
(84a) zoo weet ik niet [CP hoe vel [c ben [zp [z zal [ik u gef $] 7]]$ IB. $\ln .258$ so know I not how much am will I you give
(b) die manen [CP Lo hief [Zp [z zal [opgegaan om Damras bees af schieden]]] iB, in. 550 the men have will moved to Damaras cattle off shoot

Assuming that a relative clause projects to the level of $\mathrm{CP},{ }^{83}$ the duplicated structure (see (86), below) appears to be the rule rather than the exception. ${ }^{84}$ It is noticeable that a large number of the relative clauses feature duplicated finite verbs as in ( $85 \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{~d}$ ), below (cf. the structural representation in (86)). It can be observed that as a rule, when a relative pronoun does occur in the clause, and verb-second has applied (the pattern as in example ( 85 d ), then the temporal auxiliary is doubled. ${ }^{85}$ In the absence of an overt pronoun no contrast in frequency occurs between sentences with verb doubling (85b) and those without (85a).

[^194]i. Verder zal ik $u$ meiden laat ik hebben geen rijtui heben Want Die osen Van Further will I you notify that I have no wagon have because the oxen of mijn Die zijn te laats dood en ik hepe geen paart ook om $u$ te sien. my they are to ? dead and I have no horse also for you to see (Jonker Afrikaner to Andersson, 18 May 1861. Reproduced in Lau (ed.) 1989:255).
ii. zulks dengen die kom moes ook een kan van my gront gekom III, ha. 11 such things they come MOD also one side of my land come

In general the tendency seems to be that innovative patterns in language change, at first appear involving auxiliary verbs (iiib) (from Den Besten 1996:21, after Ponelis 1985a,b), rather than main verbs (ivb).
iiia. By wie het $j y$ vannoggend 'n wyntie gedrink? With who have you this morning a [glass of] wine drunk
b. Wie het jy vanoggend 'n wyntjie by gedrink?
iva. By wie drink jy vanoggend in wyntjie? With who drink you this morning a [glass of] wine
b. \#? Wie drink jy vanoggend ' $n$ wyntie bu?

Likewise, in the literature examples of embedded verb-second in Afrikaans are always contrasted including an auxiliary verb as the finite verb (infra).

| (85a) de blasd | 0 | hief ons | nog voor | stan stryten | IA. In. 425 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (he place |  |  |  |  |  |

Constructions as in (85) are ruled out in Standard Afrikaans grammars, although verb-second in the embedded clause with an overt complementiser may not be uncommon in spoken Afrikaans (cf. Feinauer 1987), and also appear in ORA (albeit with a different syntax, infra). Du Plessis remarks on the aberrant verb-second structures in subordinate clauses and relative clauses in contemporary Griqua Afrikaans (Du Plessis 1984:174ff.), ${ }^{\text {86 }}$ but, in his attempt to find an explanation in terms of verb movement ("to the left", -c.q. V(P)R-) the connection with the substrate format (see $\S 6.2 .1 .5$ ) is not laid. ${ }^{87}$ Neither is the fact taken into account that bare juxtaposition of the relative clause to its antecedent is also a common strategy in creole languages (Romaine 1984, Bruyn 1995). A diachronic structural comparison will be discussed below.

Although the historical details are scarce, it has to be assumed that Jan Jonker Afrikaner was a bilingual Hollands-Khoekhoe (/Nama) speaker and that these structures formed part of the actual nineteenth-century ORA grammar. If there was SLA interference, it remains undetermined if Hollands was his mother tongue or Nama (cf. Amraal Lambrecht reported to not to have (yet) mastered Nama, Chapter Three, p.87). Notwithstanding, from the data I construe that the production of the Dutch subordinate clause structure met with conflicting structural requirements. Dutch, demanding a clause indicator (/CP) to signal [ + subordinate], stood in opposition to Nama which does not project a clause indicator (/CP) in the subordinate clause. This resulted in the topmost clausal projection becoming opaque, forfeiting its differentiating function to distinguish between clausal types.

[^195]A second factor of intrusion would have been the conflicting values assigned to the status of the subordinating 'complementiser'. On the pattern of Nama syntax, a subordinating element retains a [+strong] $N$-feature. From the data in this corpus it appears that the invariant verbal form heeft was attributed this feature, attracting the clause in its entirety into the specifier, realizing the head sentence-finally (86)

$$
\begin{align*}
& \text { your letter which have you me written have } \tag{86}
\end{align*}
$$

Earlier examples that were encountered in infinitival clauses (e.g., in (34), p.213) are also straightforwardly explained, assuming a duplicated CP (/sentence typing FP) connected to the Nama CP status, attracting the entire clause into its specifier (87).

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...[CP [zP om ons affricane zijn bloed de vergoden] for us Afrikaners his blood to shed
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$[c$ heeft [t] ]] have

IA, $\ln .293$ division that was made. The (almost) invariant distinct format of the auxiliary in sentence-final position (heeft) from the lexical equivalent in verb-second position (i.e. inflected for Person and Number, see (59), p.230) further corroborates the analysis of a conflicting status of two clause-typing elements (/CPs), rather than an analysis in which the verb is spelled out twice (88). This also indicates that this feature was a core part of the grammar and not the result of a learning process.

| CP |  |  | ZP | subiect |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | ClCT | $\mathrm{CT} / \mathrm{AgrS}$ |  | $\mathrm{V}^{\circ} \mathrm{V}$ |
| (dat) | heef | hieft | hij |  |

In the Jan Jonker corpus relative clauses (henceforth: RC) initially appear as in (89a), the regular Nama pattern of bare juxtaposition, or as in (89b) showing wat as the RC-marker which could be argued to have its foundation in the CDV. As shown in earlier examples the finite verb replacing an RC-marker seems a general option. From letter № 13 onwards, in which the first fifty lines are written in a studied register (see §3.2.1.2, footnote 76, p.96), the Dutch RC-marker die appears to have been
added to his vocabulary, resulting in a percentage of correct acrolectal relative clauses. However, hereafter as a rule, in those RCs in which both acrolectal die is used and the finite verb is fronted. hesto appears clause-finally (89d).

RELATIVE CLAUSE FORMATION

|  |  | RC-marker | $V$ fin | XP | participium |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | NP |  |  | [..1 | $\checkmark$ | (heeff) |
| b | NP | wat |  | [..] $]$ | $\checkmark$ | (heeft) |
| c | NP |  | hief(t)/heb(be) | [...] | $\checkmark$ |  |
| d | NP | die | hief(t)/heb(be) | [...] | $\downarrow$ | heeft |

Den Besten (p.c.) has suggested that the structure including the fronted verb in the relative clause could have its origin in the Dutch parallel of a resumptive pronoun structure (90a) to Nama RC formation, in which the object may be fronted (90b).
(90a) [die(n), Vfin-subject - [...] $\left.t_{i}\right]$
Dunch. resumptive pron.
(b) $\quad\left[\mathrm{XP}_{\mathrm{i}}-\right.$ subj.clitic - (subject) $\left.-[\ldots] \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}\right]$

Nama RC formation

Plausible though this may be as a pattern on which language transfer can take place, it does not explain the addition of a finite form of the auxiliary verb clause-finally. Moreover in the few sentences in the corpus which include a resumptive pronoun, heeff never occurs added clause-finally (91).
(91a) ik heb die wagens van oute Heer op de weerf gelaat maar goed $\qquad$ in de wagen 1 have the wagons of old Mr . on the werf left but goods in the wagon is, die hief mensch uit maakar gemaak al wat ik gekrijg die is Boeke.... 1A. In.192 are, those have people out cach other made. all what I gotten that is books
(b) Gij zijt Die Damaras _hebu daarhad, die hiefniet mynkwaaddoen You said the Damaras have you there had those have not my ill do 1B. $\ln 267$ of my menschen.... or me people
(c) En die Berg Damaras and the Bergdamaras die moed gy ook niet $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { altyt met } \mathrm{u} \text { mij } \\ \text { always with you me }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { poschap by } \\ \text { message to }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\mathrm{u} \\ \text { you }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { gebriengen, } \\ \text { brought }\end{array}\right] \begin{aligned} & \text { geloofen. } \\ & \text { believe }\end{aligned}$

That the duplicated CP structures are unlike the Germanic embedded verb-second structures is further supported by the fact that in the Germanic languages, as well as in Afrikaans, v/2 in embedded clauses is never of the type of 'verb-second', but rather exhibit the verb in the third position (the pattem as in (92c), also in embedded finite clauses). In fact the GA84 corpus has only one example of a relative clause comparable to those featuring in the present corpus (see (85), p. 252 partly repeated here in (92a)), in which the finite verb is adjacent to the relative pronoun (92b). All other examples are of the format (92c), (cf. Du Plessis 1984:177).

| (92a) | schansen | dien | heb |  | hier [...] | gemak | III, $\ln .80$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | redoubts | which | have | 1 | here | made |  |
| (b) | (die pille) | wat | moet |  | inniemore | gebruik |  |
|  | the pills | which | must | I | in themorni | guse |  |
| (c) | [DP $\ldots$ [ | wat ${ }_{\text {L }}$ | Verb |  | $\left.\left.t_{i} \ldots . .1\right]\right]$ |  |  |

This would be evidence for the hypothesis that the structures that are found in the present corpus belong to an earlier grammar which has been replaced. A second point of difference between nineteenth-century ORA and the present-day varieties of ORA is that relative clauses with verbsecond are not possible with the temporal auxiliary (93b), but as Du Plessis stresses (op.cit.:177), the rule has hardly any exceptions when a modal verb is concerned:

> Sodra die bysin in GA egter 'n modale hulpwerkwoord as spilwerkwoord bevat, word hierdie spilwerkwoord nie uit die tweede posisie nader na die sentrumgrens toe verskuif in die afhankelike sin nie. Op hierdie variante sintaktiese reël is daar in GA byna geen uitsondering nie. Die werkwoord-tweede-beginsel bly dus in GA geld vir afhankelike sinne wat ' n modale hulpwerkwoord as spilwerkwoord bevat. ${ }^{88}$

Thus we find the contrast that a modal verb in the verb-second slot in embedded clauses as in (93a) appears to be the rule in all clauses, whereas in contrast, the relative clause becomes ungrammatical when the 'temporal auxiliary' het is moved to this position (93b). One and the same speaker (also of

[^196]Standard Afrikaans) may well accept het in the verb-second slot in a finite clause with an overt complementiser (93c), but not in the relative clause


From this evidence I infer that in present-day Afrikaans (in all its varieties) the etymological Dutch temporal auxiliary did not fully reanalyze as a complementiser (it retained some of its verbal character). However, as a result of the preponderant earlier association with $\mathrm{CP}, \mathrm{cq}$. a sentence typing function, the auxiliary het, in all present-day varieties of Afrikaans acquired the Nama-based [ + strong] N -feature, attracting XP movement into its specifier, resulting in the observed sentence-final appearance, also in verb raising clusters (94), (cf. the examples in (51) and (52), Chapter Five, $\S$ 5.2.2.2).
*.. dat hy die boeke kon (/kan) het gekoop
Afrikaans
dat hij de boeken kan hebben gekocht
that he could have bought the books
(cl. cxample (51), p. 16t)
(b)

(b) .. dat hy die boeke kon gekoop het
(c)

| *. dat hy die boeke het kon koop | Afrikanas |
| :--- | ---: |
| ..dat hio die boeken heet kunnen kopen | Duth |
| .. that he has been able to buy the books | (cr. example (52), p.164) |

(d)

(d') .. dat hy die boeke kon koop het

Thus the modal verb is always in a position which is linearly to the left of the auxiliary het, and, in the application of verb-secoñd, it is observed that the modal verb is easier accessed than the auxiliary (see Chapter Five, § 5.2.2.2).

Summarizing, two functional nodes overlapping in distribution, at the same time varying in strength in the two languages, resulted in the assignment of conflicting values. As a result the functional information associated with typing the clause became opaque, ensuing in the collapse of the main clause and embedded clause formal structure, as tentatively sketched above. The association of the 'auxiliary' het with an earlier status as complementiser, signalling clause-type, this time on the Dutch requirement to overtly indicate a [+subordinate]-clause status, but given the Nama value of a subordinating element [ + strong], would have given strong support to the emergence of the presentday pattern of its strictly clause-final positioning as a core part of the earlier grammar. Its invariant form in the function of auxiliary compared to the formal distinctions that are available for 'have' as a main verb (see (58), p.230) further supports an analysis that reverts back to an origin of het as a functional element.
6.5 ORA grammars from a diachronic perspective

In contrast to present-day ORA. the suspension of the temporal auxiliary in the Jan Jonker Afrikaner corpus is an exclusively subordinate clause phenomenon. As shown in (59), p.230, in the application of verb-second Person and Number information was still partly available, although on the wane, but significantly not Tense. In the corpus of this study, in general the association of the temporal auxiliary (heeft $>$ hef) with Tense as a [+past] marker is ambivalent at best, at least not a prerequisite to signal $[+$ past $]$, nor perfective aspect. ${ }^{\text {.9 }}$ For example in (95), the 'temporal auxiliary' features in a sentence which, from the context, has to be interpreted with a future time reference. Jan Jonker, having forwarded a letter containing the notification of the arrival of missionaries without reading it. is unsure if and when the missionaries will come.

| (95) zo wett ik nu niet wanener hief die Leeraars | op Rehoboth komen |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| so know I now not when | have the teachers | on Rehobothcome |

In this respect I defend the hypothesis that because finiteness and Tense were not related to the verb by morphosyntactic markings, on a calque ${ }^{917}$ of the Nama preverbal Tense particles, the Dutch participle prefix ge came in use as an unbound TMA marker, presumably not primarily associated with [+past].

On the contention that in basilectal CDV the participle form was equivalent to a Dutch simple past form, i.e that gekom ('come', past participle) was in use as an equivalent to Dutch kwam ('came',

[^197]simple past), as in the example ( $96 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ ), it is significant that there are no structures ${ }^{92}$ of the type ( 96 c ), parallel to Dutch (96d) in either the Jan Jonker corpus or other Namibian corpora I have had access to.
(96a) ik ook gehelp daar zoo, ou Lowies, ik warrem gemaak de eijser; das waar, ou Lowies. Ik nie keslaan; ou Hendrik keslaan mijn wiel. .. ouwe Hendrik keslaan, ou Lowies; ik nie keslaan I helped over there, too, old Louis, I heated the iron; that's true, old Louis. I didn't beat; old Hendrik beat [i.e., hammered] my wheel. Old Hendrik beat, old Louis, I didn't beat.
(Trichardt diary, 25 May, 1837, quoted speech of the Alsation bijwoner Albach, after Roberge 1994a:67, example 48 a .)
(b) Ik kaloop die dag; ik zoo kaloop. Ouw Lowies weet....

I went that day; I went thus; Old Louis knows...
(Trichardt diary, 3 August, 1837, quoted speech of the Alsation bijwoner Albach, after Roberge 1994a:67. example 48b.)
(c) *Hy gekom ons doodskiet
(d) Hy kwam ons doodschieten Dutch
He came us dead shoot

In present-day Griqua Afrikaans examples such as $(96 a, b)$ are not absent. Although some occurrences of the suspension of the finite verb may be due to phonetic reduction $(97 a, b),{ }^{92}$ the rule seems rather that the finite verb is optional in all environments, including the verb-second position as it is unlikely that /t/ will not survive between two vowels (97c). This is affirmed by (97d), which is not from a spoken corpus. Besides het there are a number of cases in which a copular verb (is/was) has been suspended in the verb-second position (97e).

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Therefore, the phenomenon of the suspension of the verb in nineteenth-century ORA should be set apart from the present-day data in which a structural rule seems to be applied rendering the finite auxiliary verb optional in all syntactic environments (cf. footnote 57, p. 232 on Swedish and German optional auxiliary verbs). ${ }^{94}$ For one reason, in nineteenth-century ORA we find hebbenzijn suspended in an infinitival position, c.q. we find participial forms in the complement of a modal verb. As shown in (61), p.233, these examples translate to an irrealis meaning in Dutch. At the same time ge(-) was also found replacing the infinitival marker te in infinitival om...te complements (see (35), p.213). Initially three variants are attested, om... $07, o m \ldots g e$ and $o m \ldots$...de(/te). Following the characterization by Ponelis: "Dat te inderdaad 'n modale element is, spreek uit parafrases soos die volgende, [(98)]. wrar die modale partikel telkens met 'n modale hulpwerkwoord korreleer"(1979:247),"5 I propose that $t e$ was reinstated on a par with the modal verbs.

[^199](98a) Hy bied aan om met hulle saam te werk
(b) Hy bied aan dat hy met hulle saam sal werk

He offers to cooperate/that he will cooperate.

Following the paralle to modal verbs and auxiliary verbs which generally appear in the verb-second position, in imfinitival complements $t e$ was reanalyzed as an element equivalent to modal verbs in finite complements appearing in the $\mathbb{Z P}$ slot, rendering the adjacent sequence om te encountered in ORA (99b).
(99a) [cp dat [zp sal [hy met u saamwerk]]]
that will he with you cooperate
(b) $\left[{ }_{\mathrm{CP}}\right.$ om [zp te $[$ met u saamwerk $\left.\left.]\right]\right]$
for to with you cooperate

As noted in $\S 6.3 .3$ (p.210), duplicated te is not attested in ORA before the 1940s at the earliest. Therefore the reintroduction of $t e$ as an infinitival marker is probably a product of a process of decreolization (perhaps under the influence of the twentieth-century standardization and the concomitant vernederlandsing that took place) whereas in the hendiadys construction (see $\S 5.2 .5$ ) the development took an independent route where en became reanalyzed to function as a verb category marker. ${ }^{96}$

On the contention that om ... ge $V$ shows a gradual decline, and that ge always appears in the right slot of the equivalent superstrate infinitival marker, whereas this is clearly not the case with the superstrate lemma te (see $\S 6.3 .3$ ), this data is interpreted as a learning process, c.q. that ge had become closely associated with TMA marking, (in this case [-finite]), and that $t e$ was re-introduced into the grammar. This demonstrates that the addition of ge to the clause in nineteenth-century ORA was a periphery phenomenon, a strategy which was ventured based on the grammar of Nama, but which could not be felicitously integrated with the other modules of the grammar; therefore found

[^200]no continuation into twentieth-century ORA.

From this analysis the restrictions in the distribution of the remaining acrolectal $1 e$-infinitives in combination with the auxiliary (het) as in the examples (90)-(92) in Chapter Five (pp.179-180), superficially summarized here in (100), can be explained as differences in functional projections heading the VP
(100a) ..dat hy die boeke behoort te (ge)koop het
(b) Hy behoort die boeke te gekoop het
(c) *Hy het die boeke behoort te (ge)koop .. (that) he ought to have bought the books.

Whereas bare infinitival complements consist of only one $V \mathbb{V}$ and do not project a functional domain associated with each lexical item, a te-infinitive such as behoort includes a Functional Phrase in an immediately dominating position. Assuming $t e$ is merged as the head of this FP, in this structure the associated $\mathrm{V}^{\circ}$ adjoins to the head of the projected FP , as shown in (101). As argued above, the element het attracts the VP into its specifier, rendering het in a clause-final position in both configurations.
(101a) *. dat hy [die boeke] $\ldots$ [ip te [vp behoort [vp het [ve gekoop $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i}}$ ] (Cf. example (90), p. 179)
(b)

(c) * . dat hy [die boeke] $]_{i} \ldots$ [vp het [Fp te [vp behoort [vp koop $t_{i}$ ]
(d)


And, as earlier observed with the modal verbs (cf. (93) above), the embedded verb being linearly to the left of het, the latter is prevented from reaching the $\mathrm{v} / 2$ position ${ }^{97}$ (cf. Chapter Five, p.179).

In Afrikaans syntactic differences between modal verbs and het persist to date. As shown in (102), those varieties of Afrikaans that allow for verb-second in embedded clauses may accept such sequences with modal verbs, whereas het in this position renders a judgement of ungrammaticality (102b) ${ }^{9 \%}$

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(102) Ek dink dat hierdie onderwerp sal ek nogal lekker kan bewerk.

1 think that this subject will rather nicely can work Ion!
(b) *Ek dink dat hierdie artikel het jy baie gocd geskryf
i Hink that this article have youvery well written

As noted above in (93), repeated here in (103)) the distribution of het in the verb-second position in subordinate clauses including an overt complementiser also differs from relative clauses. Whereas speakers may accept (103a), the same speakers reject (103b,c). In contrast, if the finite verb is a modal verb, also in relative clauses, verb-second seems an obligatory rule in ORA (Du Plessis 1984:177 (quoted above, p.255)).

| (103a) | Ek weet | dat | hy | het | die artikel | geskryf. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 know | that | he | has | the articie | writion |
| (b) | *Die mense | wat | ek | het | nie gesien | nie. |
|  | The people | which | I | have | not seen | not |
| (c) | *Die boek | wat | ek | het | gister | gelees. |
|  | The book | which | I | have | yesterday | read |

Overgeneralization of the verb-second rule was found to be a pervasive characteristic of nineteenthcentury ORA in all syntactic environments. Comparing this with modern ORA, generalizations over the verbal category involved (auxiliary vs. modal verbs) in a particular syntactic environment rather point in opposite directions. In the nineteenth century the frequency of the auxiliary in the verbsecond position is higher than that of the modal verbs in subordinate clauses; modal verbs in v/2 in relative clauses are absent whereas this seems to be the rule in present-day ORA. Duplicated structures, which are indeed practically limited to auxiliary verbs in the nineteenth century, became apparently incorporated as a general rule ranging over most non-main verbs.

The data from the present corpus may show how old these phenomena may be, at the same time pointing in the direction of their origin. Possibly, because the syntactic structures discussed above are
${ }^{94}$ (...continued)
ii. Maar ek min voorheen was onsmaar Griekwas gewis het die tyd van myn oupa. but I mean before were us only Griqua been have the time of my grandad GA84. 177. 1n. 7
at odds with the Germanic grammars, in all likelihood authors have avoided these constructions in their written language. As a result the occurrences in ORA of VP-structures as described in this chapter have basically gone unnoticed in the literature. Parallels can be drawn with the occurrence of lat as a complementiser which in synchronic Afrikaans texts expressly signals non-standard varieties. ${ }^{94}$ Similarly reduplications are very common in everyday spoken language (Bouman 1939:319. Scholtz 1963:149, Kempen 1982:184, Raidt 1981[1994:149]) but relatively infrequent in writing, unless deployed to achieve some specific literary effect. In the non-standard varieties this syntactic phenomenon seems to only have spread. Besides the doubling of auxiliary verbs. GA84 features this same strategy with the modal verbs, and the hendiadys verbs; also in other non-standard varieties the double occurrence of hendiadys verbs as in (105) is a widespread phenomenon (see for example Kühne 1984 for an assortment of instances in Namaqualand Afrikaans, Boonzaier 1989 § 1.1.9.5 on Bolandse Afrikaans examples).
(105a) Hy staan so na die golwe staan en kyk He stand so to the waves stand and look

| (b) Plaas vansy werk doen, | $\underline{\text { sit }}$ | hy aanmekaar | sit en | rook. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Instead of his work do. | sit | he continuously | sit and | smoke |

The fact that the phenomena. described in this thesis are highly pervasive in ORA, although they differ in frequency, raises questions whether the historical development ought to be equated to a situation of 'competing grammars', or if these were mere accretions to what constitutes the core part of a novel grammar. Yet again, we cannot be sure which influence orthographical conventions have had on our earlier written record, whereas for contemporary non-standard texts it must be cautioned that a certain amount of bilingualism on the part of the author may overshadow the actual situation. ""I'

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## Summary and Conclusions

In this dissertation presented the results of an inquiry into the influence of the languages of the indigenous population on the outcome of the contact situation which transformed seventeenth-century Dutch into Afrikaans. On the premise that initial language contact at the Cape of Good Hope was between the indigenous Khoesan people and the Dutch a comprehensive new corpus of nineteenthcentury texts by people of a mixed heritage was presented and I provided an analysis of the structures that are found in this corpus.

The corpus contains a series of letters by a single author, the Oorlam-leader Jan Jonker Afrikaner (1820-1889), over a considerable period of time. All were written in Dutch in an area where the Khoekhoen languages still survived, and where the present-day variety of Afrikaans known as Orange River Afrikaans (ORA) originated. It is argued that Jan Jonker Afrikaner's lect can be seen as a representative parallel to, or a continuation of, earlier stages in the development of Afrikaans in the western Cape area.

In the discussion methodological and theoretical aspects concerning the assessment of the written record from the Cape Town archives were reviewed and it was established that the sociolinguistic and political-economic setting of the authors that represent this linguistic record obscure the full spectrum of developments that can be discerned from extralinguistic factors. In this respect the reliance of the literate part of the population on the metropolitan Dutch norm is attributed its perceptible weight. Despite the reality that most of the languages, as well as the people that took part in the earlier developments have since become extinct, it was averred that the absence of real data does not warrant the conclusions that have been propagated in the South African literature on the origins of Afrikaans. From the evaluation of the available historical and demographic details which are discussed in the chapters preceding the linguistic examination, it proves that there are no contradictory indications that warrant the dismissal of the proposal that the newly presented corpus is representative for the basilectal stratum of the Cape Dutch Vernacular (CDV). The received interpretation of the diachronic record by the representative scholars of Afrikaans historicallinguistics was ranked as largely being driven by theory-internal motivation. Moreover, in the comparative sections it is shown that the linguistic characteristics of nineteenth-century Oorlam-Hollands, although varying in frequency, also feature in the traditional record but have largely gone unnoticed.

Theoretical issues concerning pidginization and creolization of languages are put in the perspective of the story of Afrikaans. Special attention was paid to two points that have formed the
core of much of the debate, viz. the date at which this extraterritorial variety of Dutch can be named 'Afrikaans', and, whether or not it is justified to classify earlier stages and/or the present-day result as a creole, semi-creole (or creoloïd), or to which degree processes of decreolization may have taken their toll. Given the one-sidedness of earlier accounts regarding these questions the conclusions, based on a single corpus, can only tentatively be formed. However, the minimal result from this investigation has been a broadening of the discussion; more positively, the validity of the questions that have been raised by the traditional philologists is addressed and opened up for re-examination Accordingly, as I did not try to bring the lect of Jan Jonker Afrikaner in connection with the dating of Afrikaans, I focused on the contribution that the Khoekhoe languages made to the formation of Afrikaans. Salient structural aspects of Jan Jonker's language, such as the realization of the pronominal forms and infinitival complements, proved consonant with both the diachronic record and the testimony of his contemporaries and associates. Comparative probes into othercorpora confirmed that the idiosyncracies that draw the attention are not isolated incidents (see Chapter three, § 3.3); such distinctive aspects of the grammar neither proved to be defined by sociolinguistic criteria (see §§ 4.2.2, 6.3.3).

Seen in the totality of textual material on the research on Afrikaans, it has to be conceded that there are issues in this corpus that remain unresolved. Quite unexpectedly, the correspondence of Jan Jonker Afrikaner is not homogenous, but clearly shows variation in register over time. Despite the fact that the origin or motivation for this variation could not be determined, it becomes clear that linguistic competency in various strata of the CDV might have been the rule rather than the exception as such heterogeneity has been demonstrated from the oeuvres of other authors in our records (see p. 100-102).

In this respect, the basilectal sections of the corpus show a continuity with the spoken CDV where we find pronominal forms that are characterized as 'unpolished' (onverdefiggle) CDV-forms prevailing (cf. p. 124). The innovative patterns in this area of the grammar, specifically the realization of the possessive pronouns can be clearly identified with Khoekhoe influence. Even if there are other factors to be pointed out, Khoekhoe which allows for zero marking in possessive constructions as found in the Oorlam-Hollands data (see p.128), is argued to be the primary cause for the emergence of the 'periphrastic possessive construction with se' which persists in modern Afrikaans.

The most important result of the analysis of the letters by Jan Jonker Afrikaner point in the direction of substrate influence of Khoekhoe in the functional domain of the grammar, and the effects of creole-typical innovations in the 'Hollands' of the Khoekhoe speakers. It is argued that the features
that are seldom found in the Cape Dutch record, but which typify most non-standard varieties of Afrikaans, must be classified as a core part of the earlier grammar. The striking consistency in the application of the verb-second rule, both in subject-initial main clauses and in inversion construction, as well as in embedded clauses with or without an overt complementiser, is one example that is typical of the data in this corpus and modern non-standard varieties, but which is barely attested in the CDV record. This is analyzed as an integral part of the basilectal stratum of the CDV. The fact that Afrikaans has retained the verb-second rule, in contrast to a typical creole language, is argued to have its cause in Khoekhoe. Theoretically speaking it is a novel, yet perhaps relatively simple rule to apply for Khoekhoe speakers because of the surface similarity between verb second in the Germanic main clause and the main-clause-typing particles in this very position in Khoekhoe languages. The analysis of the Oorlam-Hollands in this study support the hypothesis advanced by Den Besten that the retention of the verb-second rule in Afrikaans is not a direct transfer from the superstrate, but may have been more or less accidental due to the influence of Khoekhoe.

From the investigation it also became clear that the production of the more complex features of the Germanic languages, such as subordinate clauses and verbal cluster formation, borders on the periphery of Jan Jonker's grammatical competence. It becomes apparent that the structure of the Germanic embedded clause was not directly transferred. As there is no clear evidence of this kind of restriction in either the Cape corpora or modern ORA this finding was associated with the contradictory parameter setting in the functional domain of the complementiser (CP) between Dutch and Khoekhoe. The key to this claim comes from the evidence concerning the reanalysis of verbs in the function of complementisers. The phenomenon was identified in three basic alterations: auxiliary verbs functioning as the complementiser in finite clauses, an equivalent of Dutch hortative/imperative laten ('to let') in this position, and novel combinations of the infinitival CP-marker om (...) te to signal embedded infinitival clauses. It was observed that part of these earlier patterns (cq. hortativeimperative la(a)t in the function of complementiser in embedded finite clauses) did find continuation in the modern varieties, as well as being acceptable in the spoken standard language, whereas, for example, there is no such continuation observable for the auxiliary verbs in this function. That this area of the grammar was subject to fundamental restructuring was further explicated by the fact that some of the variation that exists in modern ORA concerning the realization of the infinitival marker (as om (te) (...) (te)) in sentential clauses is absent from the diachronic record. Part of the novel structures were identified as a twentieth-century development, to be imputed to a process of decreolization (see p.210).

Contrasts in grammaticality on a morpho-syntactic level between the dominating main clause word order and subordinate clause formation were further related to the influence of Khoekhoe. In comparison with Khockhoe the Germanic subordinate clause is an entirely novel syntactic system which entails the integration of a lexical complementiser into the grammar at clause level. As a functional element current theory predicts that the transfer of the functional material into a grammar (also termed system-morphemes in the terminology used in Code Switching analyses) hardly ever occurs, but that the speaker's mother-tongue functional categories are retained as the basis. In Chapter Six it is shown that this aspect of the theoretical assumptions is borne out by the data from the present corpus.

The fact that particular restrictions pertaining to word order in the verbal cluster have become the rule in present-day Afrikaans as opposed to the variation that exists in the Continental WestGermanic languages, is argued to be a linear development also resulting from the resetting of the parameters in the functional domain of the complementiser. Whereas the Dutch temporal auxiliaries are seen to function as complementisers in the present corpus, no clear evidence could be found in the modern varieties. ${ }^{101}$ However, the fact that e.g., the placement of the Afrikaans auxiliary verb het ('to have') is limited to occur only in the clause-final position in the verb cluster is brought in connection with its earlier alternate function. That this placement restraint was already an established part of the Afrikaans grammar by 1775 (Scholtz 1980:98, see § 5.2.2.1, p. 161) invalidates the argument that this is a particular trait of Oorlam-Hollands, but reinforces the premise that the nineteenth-century variety in this study is a parallel, or further continuation, no different from the developments that took place in the contact situation between the Dutch and the Khoekhoe in the first decennia at the settlement in the Cape of Good Hope. Notwithstanding that the etymological status of Afrikaans het will always retain its Dutch origin, the need for a revision of its syntactical derivation from rather something else than a temporal auxiliary is made evident.

The most striking divergence concerning the VP attested in this corpus of texts is the doubling of verbs (appearing in situ and in the verb-second position), and, the suspension of the auxiliary verb, or, in other words the participle form of the main verb functioning as the finite verb, cq. that the participial prefix (ge) functioned as an unbound Tense marker. This is interpreted as a further consequence of a parametrical resetting of the values for the functional category of CP . It is demonstrated that such structures were also part of the basilectal CDV. Furthermore it is shown that

[^203]both phenomena have found their continuation into modern ORA, where both structural options seem to have gathered even more ground. The absence of such structures in the standard language is tentatively imputed to prescriptivism.

The fact that not all of the idiosyncracies of mineteenth-century ORA have found their contmuation into the twentieth-century non-standard varieties was attributed to two factors. Either certain syntactic innovations belonged to the periphery of what constitutes the coregrammar of ORA, or certain developments were overtaken by the process of vernederlandsing which started at the turn of the century. In conclusion, further investigation of both the acceptability and the profuseness of non-standard Afrikaans structures, as surveyed in this thesis, is an evident prerequisite to come to a fuller understanding of the historical developments. At the same time such a survey is clearly profitable to our understanding of the composition of the grammar of Afrikaans in its ongoing development under the influence of the vast heterogeneity that makes up the Afrikaans-speaking peoples.

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The Realisation of Syntactic Principles in Non-Standard Afrikaans: The Correspondence of Jan Jonker Arrikaner (1820-1889)

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## Appendices

## Preface

Appendix I (sections IA, IB, II and III) consists of the transcription of the manuscripts in chronological order including Dutch and English glosses according to the key outlined below ( v -vi). Section IV contains photocopied specimens of the manuscripts which were submitted to handwriting experts for authentication of the author (see Volume 1, Chapter Three: 93-94).

Appendix II contains free translations of the letters into English, preceded by a brief historical overview of the events that took place during the years Jan Jonker Afrikaner wrote his letters. The translations into English are of an unpolished form, as I have tried to approach the style of the originals. Thus, appositions in address, repetitions etc., approaching the spoken language are as much as possible retained.

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## List of Abbreviations and Symbols

| 1S | first person personal pronoun, singular (irrespective of Case) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2S | second person personal pronoun, singular (irrespective of Case) |
| 3S | third person personal pronoun, singular (irrespective of Case) |
| IPL | first person persona |
| Ipronoun, plural (irrespective of Case) |  |
| 2PL | second person personal pronoun, plural (irrespective of Case) |
| 3PL | third person personal pronoun, plural (irrespective of Case) |
| 1POS | first person possessive pronoun, (irrespective of Number) |
| 2POS | second person possessive pronoun, (irrespective of Number) |
| 3POS | third person possessive pronoun, (irrespective of Number) |
| ACC | accusative Case |
| CDV | Cape Dutch Vernacular |
| CWG | Continental West Germanic |
| D | determiner or demonstrative |
| DIM | diminutive |
| GE-[verb] | perfective participle |
| GEN | genitive Case |
| IND | indicative |
| MOD | modal adverb |
| NEG | negative element |
| NOM | nominative Case |
| OBL | oblique Case |
| ORA | Orange River Arrikaans |
| POS | possessive |
| PRF | perfective auxiliary |
| PST | past-morphology |
| REL | velative pronoun |
| SA | Standard Afrikaans |
| SOV | Subject-Object-Verb |
| SVO | Subject-Verb-Object |
| TMA | Tense-Mood-Aspect |
| VP |  |


| Additions: | < > |
| :---: | :---: |
| <a> | $a$ added on the lime |
| <olea> | a added over the line |
| <ul-a> | a added under the line |
| <ma> | a added in left margin |
| <mas> | a added in right margin |
| <tma> | $a$ added in top margin |
| <bma> | $a$ added in bottom margin as a footnote |
| <**> | something is added, but illegible |
| *<a>* | a possibly added on the line |
| <rsoa> | $a$ added on the reverse side of the paper |
| [a] | $a$ added by the editor |


| Omissions: | $[-]$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $[-a]$ | a deleted |
| $\left[-{ }^{*} .{ }^{*}\right]$ | deleted and illegible |

Uncertain readings: **

| $* a^{*}$ | a is uncertain |
| :--- | :--- |
| $a^{*} b^{*}$ | b behind a is uncertain |
| *word* | whole word is uncertain |
| ..word | uncertain how the word begins (damaged left margin edge) |
| word.. | uncertain how the word ends (damaged right margin edge) |

## APPENDIXI

Windhoek, July de 9, 1863
1 Windhoek, 9 juli 1863


|  | hief van | ons | detze | Yaar | verlaaden, | deschen | Damras | late |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | heeft $[-]$ | ons | dit | jaar | verlaten; | tussen | [D] Damaras | gelaten, |
| PRF from | IPL | D | year | GE-leave | between | Damaras | let |  |


|  | Damras onsen | vermoort | heeft. ons Afrikaner is alleen in detze |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 [D] Damaras [REL] ons | vermoord | hebben. Wij Afrikaners zijn alleen in deze |  |
| Damaras | 1PL-3POS GE-murder | PRF | 1PL Afrikaners are alone in |

oorlog; 7manen gedood en Jan zam and mij broeder Christian
7 oorlog. 7 Mannen [zijn] gedood en Jan samen en mijn broeder Christian war 7 men GE-kill and Jan together and iS brother Christian
en ook Jaar en oom Jonas en ook 3 broeders Jaar en Jan
8 en ook Jager en oom.Jonas en ook 3 broers, Jager en Jan
and also Jager and Uncle Jonas and also 3 brothers Jager and Jan
en Tomotheus.
9 en Timotheus.
and Timotheus

Windhoek Agudus de 5, 1863
10 Windhoek, 5 augustus 1863

| An mijne liefhebbende oom, Jakobus Booi |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 Aan | mijn liefhebbende oom, Jacobus Booi, |  |
| to | my loving | Uncle Jacobus Booi |



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Went Hoek, de 25 September 1863
29 Windhoek, 25 September 1863

30 |  | Wel mijn | Eedelijk | Heer | Kleinschmidt |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wel, | mijn | edele | heer | Kleinschmidt, |
| well. | 1POS | honorable | Mr. | Kleinschmidt |

wel ik weten uwe Raad en uwe smekinge over onst Afrikaner
31 Wel, ik weet uw raad en uw smeekbedes over ons, Afrikaners, well 1 S know 2POS advice and 2POS supplications about IPL Afrikaner

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[^206]|  | ziin | over | onsen | bloed. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 43 | bent | over | ons | bloed. |
| are | over | 1PL-3POS | blood |  |

Zoozalik verder naar Genodschap dat onderzoeken om de weten of
44 Zo zal ik verder bij [D] genootschap dat onderzoeken om te weten of so will 1 S further to society this research for to know whether
$45 u$ gezonden bent om ons te vernietigen want het is niet vandaag. Daarom 2S sent is for 1PL to destroy for if. is NEG today therefore zal ik verder onderzoeken om de weten hoe ik mijn zal bedragen wan 46 zalik verder onderzoeken om te weten hoe ik mij zal gedragen wamt will is further research for to know how is IPOS will behave for ik men dat $u$ gezonden is om Evangielie te Preken. Wel verder 47 ik meen dat $u$ gezonden bent om [D] Evangelie te preken. Wel verder 1 S think that 2 S GE-sent are for gospel to preach well further wel ik nog zegen of $u$ over onsen bloed gezonden is dat gij de traktat 48 wil ik nog zeggen of $u$ over ons bloed gezonden bent, dat gij het traktaat want 1 S also say whether 2 S about 1PL-3POS blood sent are that 2SD treaty
van de nasi ook hinder, dat gij al de goede zaak hinder
49 van de natie ook hindert, dat gij al de goede zaken hindert of $D$ nation also hinder that 2 S all D good cause hinder van de nasi. Wij zijn en nasi. Zoo is dat niet nodig om de draktat van
50 van de natie. Wij zijn een natie. Dus is het niet nodig om het traktaat van of $D$ nation IPL are a nation So is it NEG necessary for $D$ treaty of
de nasi te hender, en het is niet vandag. Gij zijt en Leeraar wat
51 de natie te hinderen, en het is niet [alleen] vandag. Gij zijt een Leeraar die $D$ nation to hinder and it is NEG today 2 S are a teacher REL
met deze lant begenen heeft; daarom moet
52 met dit land begonnen is. Daarom moet with D land GE-begin PRF therefore must
gij goed doen wij zijn gij goed doen, wij zijn 2S good do 1PL are verwacht dat gii zal vrede verwachting, dat gij [-V] wrede expectations that 2 S will peace
zal stegt maar dat lijk zull stichten maar het lijkt will establish but it seem

| 53 | in grote verwachting, dat gij $[-V]$ vrede zult stichten maar het lijkt |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| in big expectations |  | that 2 S will peace will establish but it seem

of gij kwat opstek.
54 of gij kwarad opstookt. whether 2 S evil instigate

Went Hoek, de 26 September 1863
55 Windhoek, 26 september 1863


|  | onsen bloed te vergiet wan veele Zielen heben wij verliesen door |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 60 ons bloed te vergieten want vele zielen | hebben | wij verloren | door |  |
|  | IPL-3POS blood to spill for many souls | PRF | 1PL GE-lose | by |


| uwe | Raad | en verder hinder | Gij | ook de traktat | wat | de |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 61 | uw | raad | en verder hindert | gij | ook | het traktaat | dat |
| de |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2POS | advise | and further hinder | 2S | also | D treaty | REL |


| operhoofen | van de lant uitgedag | heeft. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| opperhoofden | van het land uitgedacht | hebben, |  |
| paramount.chiefs | of | D land out.GE-think | PRF |


| En verder | wel gij nog | onsen | bloed vergiet. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| en verder | wilt gij nog | ons | bloed vergieten. |
| and further | want 2 S still | 1PL-3POS | blood spill |

Haben de genodschap u gezonden over onsen bloed?
64 Heeft het genoodschap u gezonden over ons bal ik verder onderzoeken om de Wet hoe ik mijn zal bedragen voor $u$,
65 verder onderzoeken om te weten hoe ik me zal gedragen voor 1 , further research for to know how iS IPOS will conduct for 2 S
wan dat is niet vandag, dat is ende dag van overlede oute Kaptij

66 wanthet is niet vandaag, het is ook.de dag van overleden onde kapitein.
for it is NEG today that is and.D day of deceased old captain


Windhoek, de 29 Optober 1863
77 Windhoek, 29 oktober 1863

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${ }^{9}$ Nama: IHoaxalnôs.
${ }^{10}$ For futher reference this letter is included in Appendix 11 , preceding letter No 5.
"He probably means 'earlier', voorheen, as he uses the participial form of the verb.

| 90 | zoo gezegt <br> zo gezegd, <br> so said | hooften hoofden chiefs | Zal <br> zullen <br> will | net maken <br> net maken <br> just make |  | zoos allen <br> zoals allen, [volgens] <br> as all |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 91 | Artikel 3. artikel 3? article 3 | Ik vrag u Ik vraag $u$ is ask 25 | wederom wederom again | wat wat what | $\begin{aligned} & \text { zeg } \\ & \text { zegt } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | de Artik <br> het artikel <br> D article |  |  |  |
| 92 | ziln lees <br> 3POS lezing <br> 3 POS read | de reege <br> Ivan] de regels? <br> D rules | els. Hij <br>  Het <br>  35 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { zeg } \\ & \text { zegt } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & z 00 \\ & z 0: \\ & \text { so } \end{aligned}$ | de als [-] als, that if | wane wann when | neer |  |
| 93 | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { zal } & \text { mens } \\ \text { zullen } & \text { mens } \\ \text { will } & \text { peopl }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { schen } & \begin{array}{l}\text { onwelieg } \\ \text { sen }\end{array} \\ \text { orwillig } \\ \text { unwilling }\end{array}$ | [zijn], | dat [-] that | $[d a n]$ | zal zullen will | alle all | andere hoo andere hoo other head | ften fden ds |
| 94 | bijmalkaner bij.elkaar together | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Komen } & \text { en } & \text { di } \\ \text { komen } & e n & d \\ \text { come } & \text { and } & \text { D }\end{array}$ |  | schen <br> en | bestra bestra punish | afe affen <br> h | met <br> met <br> with |  |  |
| 95 | wapen. wapens. weapon | Zien Vollmer, <br> Zie, Vollmer, <br> see Vollmer | ik zeg <br> ik zeg <br> 1S say | niet <br> niet <br> NEG | $\begin{aligned} & u \\ & u \\ & 2 \mathrm{~S} \end{aligned}$ | moet moet must | hierna hierna hereto | nadoe naartoe | oute oude old |
| 96 | Cornelis Cornelius Cornelius | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Stuur } & \text { lat } & \text { hi } \\ \text { sturen } & \text { dat } & \text { hi } \\ \text { send } & \text { let } & 3 S \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { hij } & \text { ons } \\ \text { hij } & \text { ons } \\ 3 \mathrm{~S} & \text { 1PL } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { zijn } \\ & 3 P O S \\ & 3 \mathrm{POS} \end{aligned}$ | ploet $S$ bloed blood | $\begin{aligned} & \text { te } \\ & 1-] \\ & \text { to } \end{aligned}$ | verGo vergi spill | Goden, luis iet; luis |  |
| 97 | $\begin{array}{ll}  & \text { mijn, } \\ & \begin{array}{l} \text { mij, } \\ \\ \\ \\ \text { IPOS } \end{array}, \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { maar } & \text { ik } & \text { ze } \\ \Gamma-J & i k & z e \\ \text { but } & \text { is } & \text { sa } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { zeg } & \text { zoo } \\ z e g & z o: \\ \text { say } & \text { so } \end{array}$ | latstaa <br> laat.st <br> let.stan | aan <br> staan <br> nd | de Kapi de kapitein D captais | iteins, teinen, ins | late laat let |  |
| 98 | $\text { [D] } \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Kapit } \\ & \begin{array}{l} \text { Kapit } \\ \text { captai } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { iteins } & \text { Kom } & \text { on } \\ \text { feinen } & \text { komen on } \\ \text { lins } & \text { come } & \text { for } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { om } & \text { mijn } \\ \text { om } & m i j \\ \text { for } & \text { me } \\ \text { ine } \end{array}$ | de hulp te he to help | ulp elpen, elp | of land $[-][-]$ <br> or land | [D] | land stan <br> land staa <br> land stand |  |
| 99 | nu ontfijleg, <br> mu onveilig. <br> now unsafe | lat de Kap <br> Laat de kap <br> let D capt | apiteins apiteinen ptains | Kom komen come | $\begin{gathered} \text { en } \\ e n \text { en } \\ \text { and } \end{gathered}$ | in die in het in $D$ | land land land | vrede <br> vrede <br> peace | $\begin{aligned} & \text { in } \\ & {[-]} \\ & \text { in } \end{aligned}$ |
| 100 | sproken. Dat <br> spreken. Er <br> speak that | is twee zijn twee [soort is two | $\begin{aligned} & \text { huilp } \\ & \text { rten] huip. } \\ & \text { helps: } \end{aligned}$ |  | wad waad vil | $\begin{aligned} & \text { is ook } \\ & \text { is ook } \\ & \text { is also } \end{aligned}$ | huilp, hulp, help. | vreede <br> vrede <br> peace |  |
| 101 | is ook, <br> i- ook. <br> is also, | $\begin{aligned} & \text { dat } \\ & \text { is } \\ & \text { Dat } \\ & \text { is } \\ & \text { that } \\ & \text { is } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $a n$ | mijn. $m i j$. IPOS |  |  |  |
| 102 | U sprok <br> $U$ sprak, (DJ <br> 2 S speak | Damras <br> I Damaras <br> Damaras | en Nam en Nama and Nam | aquas <br> aquas <br> quas | en <br> en and | Owambo <br> Ovambo <br> Ovambo's |  | /Nawis Ovambo's Ovambo's |  |

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13 Dutch rather: dingen 'things', as goederen is reserved for material objects. However, in present day SA the meaning of goed has extended to immaterial objects: Waarom se jy sulke goed? 'Why do you say such lhings'.


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Dabes

| Aan | myn | gelief hebbene |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 143 Aan | mijn | liefhebbende |
| to | IPOS | GE-loving |

Heer Breker
144 Heer Breker,
Mr. Breker


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164 [D] Afrikaners.

${ }^{27}$ Jan Jonker could also have intended: Het geëerde opperhoofd, omitting the determiner, with the correct inflection on the adjective.



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[^214]Jan John Ker Afrikaner
$198 \begin{aligned} & \text { de } \\ & \text { te Damaraland } \\ & \text { to }\end{aligned}$



| kom en vrede | de spreken | daar op uwe |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 201 komen om vrede | te spreken, | daar op ww |
| come for peace | to speak | there on 2POS |

Crsoblaast
202 plaats;

place $\quad[2 S] \quad$\begin{tabular}{l}

mond tot | mond tot |
| :--- |
| mouth to |

\end{tabular}

Goepakoeb 3 de Nopenab 1866
203 Kubakop, 3 november 1866

| Aan | Kapitien Welem | Zwaarbooi |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 204 Aan | Kapitein Willem |  |
| to | captain Willem | Swartbooi, |
| Swartbooi |  |  |


| ik maak | deze | paar | reegelen | aan | $u$ | en | uwe |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 205 Ik maak | deze | paar | regels | aan | $u$ | en | uw |
| is make | D | few | lines | to | 2 S | and | 2 POS |


|  | zon | PetRus | zoo | is | de |  | vrag | van | mijn | wat |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 206 | zoon | P Petrus. | Zo | is | de |  | vraag | van | $m i j$ |  |  | is |
|  | son | Petrus | so | is | D |  | question | of | 1 POS |  |  | is |
|  | de o | oorzak | hieft | u |  | van |  | mij geschieden |  | verdel |  |  |
| 207 |  | oorzaak, | bent | $u$ |  | $v a n$ | $m i$ |  | eiden? | Vertel |  |  |
|  |  | cause | PRF | 2S |  | from | IS |  | parate | tell |  |  |
|  | mijn | dan | zal | ik |  | weet |  | oorz |  | heb | ik |  |
| 208 | mij | dan | zal | $i k$ |  | weten | n de | oorza | [REL] | $[-\mathrm{V}]$ | ik |  |
|  | IPOS | then | will | IS |  | know | D | cause |  | PRF | is |  |

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Goebiakoep 3De Nofenber 1866
248 Kubakop, 3 november 1866


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Zaogab 11de januwaari 1867
300 Zaogab, 11 jamuari 1867
Aan eerwaar
301 Aan eerwaarde
Heer Hahn,
302 Heer Hahn,
Mr. Hahn

| Ik hebben | uwe | antwoord brief |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 303 Ik heb | aw | antwoord brief |
| IS PRF | 2POS | answer letter |

gekrijgen en alle wel geverstaan dat is nu lad
304 gekregen en alles goed verstaan. Het is nu dat
GE-get and all well GE-understand that is now let

| door | die werk | van | uwe viend |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 305 door | het werk | van | uw | vriend. |  |
| by | D | work | of | 2 POS | friend |




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## K J Jonker Afrikaner

[^227]1867
Zaogab 2 de Opdober
396 Zaogab. 2 oktober 1867

| Aan de | Eerwaarde |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 397 Aan | de | eerwaarde |
| to | the | honourable |

Heer Hahn
398 Heer Hohn. Mr. Hahm

| 399 |  | Dad <br> Dat <br> that | is lang <br> is lange <br> is long |  | tijt iijd time | /geleden/. |  | heb ik niet heb ik niet PRF is NEG |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400 | uwe | brief brief letter | gekrijgen gekregen GE-get |  | en <br> en and | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ook } \\ & \text { ook } \\ & \text { also } \end{aligned}$ | niet <br> niet <br> NEG | i*is*t |  |
|  | ı ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  | iets |  |  |  |
|  | 2 POS |  |  |  | som |  |  | hin |
|  | gehoo | n of | zal | u |  |  |  | mijn |  | dsc |
| 401 | gehoo | of | zal | u |  |  |  | mijn | wrie | $f^{5}$ |
|  | GE-hea | or | will | 2 S |  |  | 1 POS | frien | ship |


| is | of niet | vriendschap | is | ik heb nu |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 402 zijn | of | niet [lPOS] | viend | zijn. | lk heb |
| be | or | NEG | friendship | be | IS PRF now |


| ge hoort | u | is | niet | meer | mijn | vriendschap |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 403 gehoord | u | bent | niet | meer | mijh | viend. |
| GE-hcar | 2S | is | NEG | more | IPOS | friendslip |

Welen hebben hardelijke Groetenes an
404 Goed, ${ }^{59}$ heb [D] hartelijke groeten aan
Well have warm greetings to

| $U$ | en | Jevrouw | en | kinderen |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $405 u$ en ook |  |  |  |  |
| en | juffromw | en | kinderen | en ook |
| 2S and | Miss | and | children | and also |

Jevrouw Kliensmede en zijn dochderen
406 fuffrom Kleinschmidt en haar dochters.
Miss Kleinschmidt and 3POS daughters

| lk maak | u | deze | brief |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $407 / k$ maak | ul | deze | brief |
| is make | 2 S | this | letter |


| om an u | de | vragen | vrag | is | viij | daarom |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 408 om acrf $u$ | re | wagen, | vragen | is | wij, | daarom. |
| for to 2 S | to | ask | ask | is | free | dhercfore |

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| ik is zeer Naken | als |  | klienkin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 440 ik ben zeer nakend, ${ }^{62}$ | als | [D] | kleinkind. |
| is is very naked | as |  | small.child |

442 [om] \begin{tabular}{llllll}
kleederen \& devragen <br>
kleren <br>
clothes

$\quad$

fe vragen <br>
to ask

$\quad$

ben: <br>
[-V]. <br>
PRF

$\quad$

liefe <br>
Lieve <br>
Dear

 

heery <br>
sir
\end{tabular}

|  | stuurt | mijn | vier | Baaikis | en | zes | hemten |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 443 | stuur | $m i j$ | vier | baadjies ${ }^{63}$ | er | zes | hemden |
|  | send | 1 POS | four | jackets | and | six | shirts |
|  | en ook | twee | Rol | dabak | met | deze | brief |
| 444 | en ook | twee | rollen | tabak | met | deze | brief |
|  | and also | two | rolls | tobacco | with | D | lette |


| en | ook | een | hood |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 445 en | ook | een | hoed. |
| and | also | a | hat |

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Kapitein J Jonker Afrikaner

Kabes Groot Namggualan 186922 de Aprel
471 Kobus, Groot Namaqualand, 22 april 1869


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[^247]Kabes de 10 juny 1869

70 | an | den | Erwaar |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aan | de | eerwarde |
| to | D | honorable |

Heer Hahn
71 heer Hahn, Mr. Hahn
$72 \quad \begin{array}{lll}\text { Gesteer heb ik uwee } & \text { brief } \\ \text { Gisteren heb ik } & \text { ww } & \text { brief } \\ \text { yesterday PRF iS 2POS } & \text { letter }\end{array}$

|  | .tvangen | en alles | Welgeverstan | die | hief | u | mijn |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 73 | ontvangen | en alles | goed.verstaan, | dat | $[-V]$ | u | mij |
|  | GE-receive | and all | well.GE-understand | REL | PRF | 2S | 1POS |



... vrienschap $z 00$ als vroedagen daarom schrijf
78 [P] wiendschap zoals - vroeger.dagen. Daarom schrijf - friendship so as fommer.days therefore write
$\begin{array}{llllllllll} & 79 & \text { altijt } & \text { briefen } & \text { nar } & \text { u } & \text { om de vragen } & \text { als } & \text { ik } & \text { iets }\end{array}$ van
... kan hoor ik heb ook gehoord heb mijn Heer Brieker
80 [D] kant hoor. Ik heb ook gehoord [-V] mijn heer Brincker - side hear 1S PRF also GE-hear PRF IPOS Mr. Brincker
$\begin{array}{llllllllll} & \text { el } & \text { Barmen drekken } & \text { dat } & \text { zou } & \text { <olook> } & \text { by } & \text { mij } & \text { goed } & \text { gewes } \\ \text { wil [P] } & \text { Barmen trekken, } & \text { dat } & \text { zou } & \text { ook } & \text { bij } & \text { mij goed } & \text { geweest } \\ \text { want } & \text { Barmen move } & \text { that } & \text { would } & \text { also } & \text { by } & \text { is goed } & \text { GE-be }\end{array}$


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| 158 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { an } u & \text { in } \\ \text { aonn } u & e n \\ \text { to } 2 S & \text { and } \end{array}$ | alle <br> alle <br> all | jevrouw <br> juffrowwen <br> Miss | $\begin{array}{ll}  & \text { en } \\ n & e n \\ \text { and } \end{array}$ | uwe <br> uw <br> 2 POS | kinderen kinderen children |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 159 | en ook alle en ook alle and also all |  | Leeraarse leraren teachers | [REL] | daar dour there | $\begin{aligned} & \text { by } \\ & \text { bij } \\ & \text { by } \end{aligned}$ | was waren. were |
| 160 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{ik} \\ & I k \\ & \text { is } \end{aligned}$ |  | Vr. vriend friend | Ka. kapitein captain |  | $J$. | Jonker Africaner |



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${ }^{26}$ Could be a proper mame: 'Mr. Affenmal's tools'? Alternatively it is a comption of liturgic word avondmaal, 'the last supper'.
${ }^{27}$ Alternatively: laat hem trekken, 'let him move'.
${ }^{28}$ Could also be intended 'hen' (3PL, NOM), Dutch: zij 'they'. Cf. Volume I, Chapter Four, $\S 4.2 .2$.


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verder heb ik ge oner zoek [-die]
79 Verder heb ik onderzocht -
further have iS GE investigate - D
${ }^{31}$ Unclear what he means to say in this sentence.
${ }^{32}$ Alternatively zoo-lyke is zulke: 'I don't need such work'


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${ }^{36}$ Or Bokberg, see foomote 34, p. 73.

${ }^{37}$ Rather: $b i j$, 'at'.
${ }^{39}$ Possibly 3PL, dative: hen, 'them'.
${ }^{39}$ PRF: zijn zij van mijn huis af gekomen, 'did they come from my house to...'
IRR: zouden zij uit mijn huis komen, 'would they come out of my house and...'
${ }^{40}$ Altematively : die, ([REL]) and the article omitted.


vrien des
154
vrienden -

friends $\quad$| daar | by | u |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| daar | bij | $u$ |
| zijn |  |  |
| there | with | $2 S$ |
| are |  |  |

155 Ik ben aw vriend, is am 2 POS friend

Kapitein<br>Jahn Joker Afrikaner

1869
Remhog 9 Sepdam
156
Remhoogte, 9 september



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OEAS, 30 Optober
Oeas, 30 oktober 1869

| an | de | edle |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 210 Aan | de | edele |
| To | D | noble |


| 211 | eerwaarde | He | Hahn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | eenwarde | Heer | Hahn, |
|  | honorable | Mr. | Hain |
|  | ik Melden | u | deze |
| 212 | Ik meld | $u$ | deze |
|  | 1 S announce | 2 S | D |


| ief | an | u | de laden wetten | lieve |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 213 brief | caan | $u$ | te | laten weten | lieve |  |
| letter | to | $2 S$ | to | let | know | dear |


| eer | die dangen | heb | ik | hier | gezien |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 214 heer, | de dingen $[R E L]$ heb | ik | hier | gezien |  |
| sir | D | things | PRF | iS | here |


| n | van | Damras | zijn werks |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 215 en |  |  |  |
| and | van [D] <br> from | Damaras SPOS werk. | 3POS work |


| arste | mal | hief | Damras | 10 de | Septam |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| [D] eerste | maal | zijn [D] |  |  |  |
| first | time | DRF | Damaras | 10 | septem- |
|  |  | Damaras | 10 | September |  |


| er maan | op gekom en |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 217 ber maand | op | gekomen en |  |
| - month | on | GE-come | and |$\quad[P R F][D]$| Basders |
| :--- |
| Basters |
| Basters |

..ngevallen doe hief dog alle

218 aangevallen. Toen zijn toch alle
GE-attack then PRF MOD all

| .asders | vrij | gaan | door | God | genade |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 219 Basters | vrij | gegaan | door | Gods | genade |
| Basters | free | go | by | God | grace |

.oo heb ik gehoord en hennen
220 Zo heb ik gehoord en zij
so PRF IS GE-hear and 3PL
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { erlooren } & \text { hief een } & \text { paar } & \text { en } & \text { een } \\ 221->] & \text { hebben een } & \text { paard } & \text { en } & \text { een } \\ \text { GE-lose } & \text { PRF a } & \text { horse } & \text { and } & \text { a }\end{array}$


| dat | heb | ik | ook | nu | gevienden |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 234 Dat | heb | ik | ook | mu | gevonden |
| that |  | PRF | is also now | GE-found |  |

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$$
\begin{array}{cl}
\text { hebben } & \text { vriend } \\
273 \text { hebbende } & \text { vriend, } \\
\text { friend }
\end{array}
$$
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Kapitein $\sqrt{ }$ Jonker
Afrikaner



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[^264]verbygegaan
311 voorbijgegaan. pass by.GE-go

312 \begin{tabular}{lll}

\& | Verder |
| :--- | \& verzoek <br>

Verder \& ik <br>
Furzoek \& $i k$ <br>
\& Further \& request
\end{tabular}

|  | u lieve |  | Heer | hoe |  | heb |  | niet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 313 | $u$ lieve |  | heer | hoe is | is [het], | heb | $i k$ | niet |
|  | 2 S dear |  | sir | how is | is | PRF | IS | NEG |
|  | briefen | van | $u$ | gekrygen | n en | gehoor |  |  |
| 314 | brieven | van | ${ }^{u}$ | gekregen | n en | gehoord? |  |  |
|  | letters | from | 25 | GE-get | and | GE-heard |  |  |
|  | hoe | is | de w | elvaren van | van daar |  |  |  |
| 315 | Hoe | is | het w | lvaren van | van daar | kant |  |  |
|  | how | is | D pros | sper fr | from the |  |  |  |




| Aan | de | Edele | waarde | Heer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 329 Aan | de | edele | waardige | heer |
| To | D | noble | honorable | Mr. |

Hahn,

330 | ik | maak | u deze | par |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ik | maak | u | deze | paar |  |
|  | iS | make | 2S | D | few |

| .egelen om u de laden | wetten | en |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 331 regels om $u$ | te laten | weten | en |
| lines for 2 S | to let | know | and |


|  | daar | naa |  | vragen | ben: | u | f | mijn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 332 - | arar | nasar | [te] | vragen | $[-V]$. | $U$ | heeft | $m i j$ |
|  | there | after |  | ask | PRF | 2 S | PRF | 1 POS |



| .If | kom | en | waar | hij stan | en | hasdig | af |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 334 zelf | kom | in | waar | hij staat | en | haastig | af |
| self | come | and | where | 3S stand | and | hurricdly | off |


| 335 | m | naar | Otjim | ingw | maar | die |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | kom | arr | Otjimbingwe, |  | maar | die |  |
|  | come | to | Otjim | ingwe | but | D |  |
| jakobes IZaak |  |  | hief | weer | naa | zijn | huis |
| 336 | Jaco | Izaak | is | weer | naar | zijn | huis |
|  | Jacobus Izaak |  | PRF | again | to | 3 POS | house |


| egaan zoo heb | ik gehoord door die | woor |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 337 gegaan zo heb | ik gehoord | door het | woord |  |
| GE-go so PRF | iS GE-hear | by | D | word |


| ..an | Kamaharero | die hief | Kamaharero |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 338 van | Kamaharero, | die | $[-V]$ | Kamaharero


| .ëen <br> 339 tegen <br> to | oude <br> oude <br> old | Jacob Vliedermoos <br> Jacob Veermuis | gezeg <br> gezegd |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Iecob |  | Vleermuis | GE-say |

[page missing?]

| laden | hy | mijn | in wachten | daar op |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 341 dat | hij | mij | in wacht | daar op |
| let | 3S | IPOS | in wait | there at |

$\left.\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{llll}\text { Otimbingw } & \text { ik } & \text { zal } & \text { moed }\end{array} & \text { kom } \\ \text { Ofimbingwe, } & \text { ik } & \text { zal } & \text { noeten } & \text { komen } \\ \text { Otjimbingwe } & \text { is shall } & \text { nust } & \text { come }\end{array}\right]$

| en | dan | die manen | van | velschondragers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 344 En | dan | de mannen | van [D] | Veldschoendragers |
| and | then | D men | of | Veldschoendragers |
| die | hief | zal | opgegaan | om Damr |
| 345 die | $z i j n$ | [-V] | opgegaan | om [D]Damaras |
| REL | PRF | will | up.GE-go | for Damaras |

bees af schieden henen wel niet vrede

| $[t e] \begin{array}{lll}\text { schieten. } \\ \text { shoot }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

hebben deëen Damras daarom hief
347 hebben tegen [D] Damaras daarom zijn
have against Damaras therefore PRF
henen opgegaan en beesden de krygen
348 zij opgegaan om beesten te krijgen,
3PL up.GE-go and animals to get
daat is de rede:
349 dat is de rede.
that is D reason:

350
zoo doed ik
Zo doe ik [D]
so do 1 S
best Combelmenden an allen
351 beste komplimenten aan allen.
best compliments to all

352 | ik | ben uwe | liehebben |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ik | ben ww | liefhebbende |
| is | am 2POS | loving |

vriend
wriend,
friend
Kapitein
J. Jonker Afrikaner


[^265]| 367 | niet | zomige | vrouwen vrowwen, women | omdren | 20 nog |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | niet | sommige |  | ombrent about | $\begin{aligned} & 20, \text { nog } \\ & 20 \text { still } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | NEG | some |  |  |  |
| 368 | niet | gekrygen |  |  |  |
|  | niel | gekregen |  |  |  |
|  | NEG | GE-get |  |  |  |



[^266]jakobes Booi
390 Jacobus Booi.
Jacobus Booi



| ik denk | deschen | alle menschen | m... |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $401 / k$ denk | tussen | alle mensen | moet |
| is think | between | all people | must |

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|  | Aan | de | Edele | Heer | Hahn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 411 | Aan | de | edele | heer | Hahn, |
|  | To | D | noble | Mr. | Hahn |
|  | k | ma | k | deze | brief |
| 412 | $1 /$ | max | $k$ | deze | brief |
|  | 1s | mak | 2 S | D | letter |


| lieve | Heer | om | u | de laden | wetten |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 413 lieve | heer | om | $u$ | te | laten | weten |
| dear | sir | for | $2 S$ | to | let | know |


| mijne | paarden is | nog | bra | zwak | om |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 414 mijn | paarden zijn | nog | braaf | zwak | om |
| IPOS | horses are | still | rather | weak | for |


| dezen | tijt af de gaan | zoo | heb | ik |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 415 deze | tijd af te gaan, | zo | ben | ik |
| D | time off to go | so | have | 1 S |


| nu | oom | Klaar | al | dag | kryg | ons | ook | reigen |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 416 mu | onklaar | - 63 | Alle | dagen | krijgen | wij | ook | regen. |
| now | not | ready | all | day | get | 1PL | also | rain |


| Zoo | kan ik | ook | niet | weggegaan | van |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 417 Zo | kan ik | ook | niet | weggaan | van |
| so | can iS | also | NEG | away GE-go | from |


| huis | af | van | die | reigen | zoo | zal | ik | nu |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 418 huis | af | van/wegel de | regen. | Zo | zal | ik | mu |  |
| house | away | from | D | rain | so | shall | is | now |


| wach | tot | dat | reigen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 419 wachten | tot | verbygaan |  |
| wait | till | IDJ regen | voorbij.gaat. |
|  | rain | pass.by.go |  |


| Zoo | moet | my | Heer my zeker tijt | bestel |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 420 Zo | moet | mijn heer mij zekere tijd | bestellen |  |  |  |
| so | must | iS | Mr. | IS certain | time | order |

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[^269]| 434 | en En and | wy $w i j$ $1 P L$ |  | heben <br> hebben <br> PRF | ook ook also | nu. nu now | skade schade damage |  | storis stories stories | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ge } \\ & g^{e}- \\ & \text { GE- } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 435 | hoor hoord hear | RRE |  | van <br> von <br> from | Pers Bers Berse |  | zyn <br> $3 P O S$ <br> 3POS | men men peopl | chen <br> en <br> e | gedoen gedaan GE-do |
| 436 | heeft <br> zijne. ${ }^{65}$ <br> PRF | ik <br> $1 / k$ <br> IS | hoor hoor hear | jakob <br> Jako <br> Jakob |  |  | is <br> was is | $\begin{aligned} & \text { nog } \\ & \text { nog } \\ & \text { nog } \end{aligned}$ | by <br> $b i j$ <br> at |  |
| 437 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jeren* } \\ & * * * \\ & * * * \end{aligned}$ | * eik | zyn 3POS <br> 3POS | kan <br> 5 kant <br> side | doe toens then | hief heb PRF |  |  | mensch <br> mensen <br> people |  |
| $438$ | op <br> op [D] <br> on | Dam Dam Dam | mas <br> maras <br> aras | ange aang GE-at | allen vallen ck | maa mala but |  |  |  |  |
| 439 | Soul Soul Soul | en en and | $\begin{aligned} & 2 y \\ & 2 i \\ & 3 P \end{aligned}$ |  |  | kien kind child | $\begin{aligned} & \text { des } \\ & \text { eren } \\ & \text { ren } \end{aligned}$ | is <br> zijn <br> are | dog toch <br> MOD | $\begin{aligned} & \text { vry } \\ & \text { vrij } \\ & \text { free } \end{aligned}$ |
| 440 | gerak <br> geraakt. <br> GE-get |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { zoo he } \\ & \text { Zo he } \\ & \text { so } \mathrm{PF} \end{aligned}$ | heb ik <br> heb ik <br> PRF is | geho <br> geho <br> GE-h | rd ord ar | maar <br> macar <br> but | ik <br> $i k$ <br> 1 S | weet <br> weet know |  |
| 441 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { nog } \\ & \text { nog } \\ & \text { yet } \end{aligned}$ | niet <br> niet <br> NEG | is <br> Iis is | is $[-V][o f]$ | dat dat that | waa waar true | is is is | of <br> of <br> or | niet niet NEG | waar <br> walar <br> true |
| 442 | die Dan <br> De Dam <br> D Dan | mras <br> maras <br> naras | $\begin{aligned} & w \\ & w \\ & w \end{aligned}$ | wel willen want | om <br> [-] <br> for | naar <br> nalar <br> to | Kamah Kamaha Kamaha | arero <br> arer <br> rero |  |  |
| 443 | de drek /-] trek to move | ken <br> ken <br> e | maar <br> maar <br> but | Persi <br> Bers <br> Berse | $b a$ | $\begin{aligned} & z y n \\ & 3 P O \\ & 3 P O \end{aligned}$ | me <br> me peop | nsche <br> nsen <br> ple |  |  |
| 444 | wel willen want | niet niet NEG | $[1$ | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}  & \mathrm{Dc} \\ {[D]} & \mathrm{Dc} \\ \mathrm{Da} \end{array}\right.$ | mas <br> naras <br> maras | lade Iate let |  | ken <br> ken. e |  |  |
| 445 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { zoo } \\ & \text { Zo } \\ & \text { thus } \end{aligned}$ | veer <br> ver: <br> far |  | heb ik <br> heb $i k$ <br> PRF iS | geho geho <br> GE-h | rd | van van <br> from |  | Petrus <br> Petrus, <br> Petrus |  |

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|  | Aan | den Wel Edele |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 452 | 2 Aan | de | weledele |  |
|  | To | D honorable |  |  |
| 453 | Heer | Hahn |  |  |
|  | heer | Hahn, |  |  |
|  | Mr . | Hamn |  |  |
| 454 |  |  | heben | vandag |
|  |  |  |  | vandaag |
|  |  | 15 | PRF | today |

brieven van Grod Namaqwaland 455 brieven van Groot. Namaqualand
letter from Great

| zyn | Leeraar |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3POS leraar |  |
| 3POS teacher |  |

geontvangen maar ik heb

| 456 ontvangen | maar ik | heb |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GE-receive | but iS | PRF |

die brieven weggestuur naar Otimbingw
de brieven weggestuurd naar Otjimbingwe
D letters away. GE-send to Otjimbingwe

| doe | zoo wett | ik niet | te | die brieven |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 458 toe. | Zo weet | ik niet [wat] [-] de brieven |  |  |
| then | so know | is NEG | to | D letters |


| hief | die | Leeraars | op | Rehoboht |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 46omen |  |  |  |  |
| zijn | de | leraren | op | Rehoboth | gekomen..


| zoo | moet | mijn | Heer | mijn | daarna | lad |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 461 Zo | moet | mijn | heer | mij | daarna | laten |
| so | must | IPOS | Mr. | IPOS | thereafter | let |

wetten daat verzoek ik u lieve Heer 462 weten, dat verzoek ik u lieve heer
know that request 1 S 2 S dear sir
Verter mak ik u ook beken stelen die
463 verder maak $i k$ u ook bekend stellen ${ }^{66}$ de
further make iS 2S also known put D
457
doe zoo wett ik niet te die brieven
toe.
then
so
zegen zoo wett ik nu niet wanener
say so know 1 S now NEG when

| wetten daat | verzoek | ik u lieve | Heer |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 462 weten, | dat | verzoek | ik $u$ | lieve |
| know | heer |  |  |  |
| that | request | is $2 S$ | dear | sir |


| Verter mak | ik $u$ ook beken | stelen | die |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 463 verder maak | $i k$ ook bekend | stellen ${ }^{66}$ | de |
| further make | iS 2 S also known | put | D |

weer
weer
again
${ }^{66}$ Dutch either bekend maken or bekend stellen; (*bekend maken stellen, cf. section IA, footnote 60, p. 35 , on the usage of light verbs).


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| die | hy | Feredreik | zeg naar | my | doe | ik | moet |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 481 die | hij, | Frederik, | zegt naar | mij | toe, | $I k$ | moet |
| REL | 3S | Frederik | say to | IS | to | IS | must |


| u en kamaharero en ook | Abrahm |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $482 u$ en Kamaherero en ook | Abrham |  |
| 2S and Kamaherero | and also | Abraham |
|  |  |  |
| Zwaarbooi laden | <oldaarna> bekend maak |  |
| 483 Swartbooi laten daarna | bekend maken |  |
| Swartbooi let thereatter | known make |  |


| lad | uliden | ook | daarna | wetten | die |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 484 dat | u | ook | daarna | weet | het |
| let | 2PL | also | thereafter | know | D |

woord van Aponto en uliden daarna
485 woord van Aponto en u daarna
word from Aponio and 2PL there.after
zien is dat rag is of niet rag is: 486 ziet is dit recht [-V] of niet recht is. see is that right is or NEG right is

487 \begin{tabular}{lllll}

\& | hardelyke |
| :--- |
| Hartelijke | \& groetenes \& an \& groeten <br>

warm \& greetings \& aan \& $u$ en <br>
to \& 2S \& and
\end{tabular}

| ook | jevrouw | en | Magrida en alle | Leeraars |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 488 ook | juffrow | en | Margarita en alle | leraren |
| also | Miss | and | Margarita and all | teachers |


|  | op | Otjimbingw | van | ons | allen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 489 | op | Otjimbingwe | vant | ons | allen. |
|  | in | Otijimbingwe | from | 1 PL | all |
| 490 |  | ik ben uwe | vrien |  |  |
|  |  | Ik ben uw | wrien |  |  |
|  |  | 1S am 2 POS | friend |  |  |

Kapt. Jahn Afrikamer


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[^275]Aries d 8 Optober 1870
Aris, 8 oklober 1870

| Aan | de | Edele Heer | Hahn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 539 Aan | de | edele heer | Hohn |
| to | D noble, Mir. Hahn |  |  |


| of alle Leeraars | van | Damaraland |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 540 of alle leraren | van | Damaraland. |
| or all teachers | of | Damaraland |


|  | ik | schryt uieden | al | minne |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Ik | schrijf | u, | al | mijn |
|  | IS | write | 2PL | all | IPOS |


| Vriendes | deze | brief | om | uliden | de laten | hooren |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 542 vrienden | deze | brief | om | $u$ | te laten | horen |
| friends | D | letter | for | 2 PL | to let | hear |


| my | schoonvader | Jakobes | Booi is | niet | meer | op |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| de |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 543 mijn | schoonvader | Jacobus | Booi is | niet | meer | op |
| de |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1S | father-in-law | Jacobus | Booi is | NEG | more | on |
| D |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| wantelen | hy hief 8 optober maan | gestorven | ben |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 544 wereld. | Hij is | 8 oktober macnd | gestorven | $[-V]$. |
| world | 3S PRF | 8 October month | GE-decease | is |


| ik hebben | daarvaan | niet | its gehooren | die oute |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 545 M | heb | daar van | niet | iets gehoord | de oude |
| IS PRF | from it | NEG something GE-hear | D old |  |  |



| zyn | werf | en hy | Barnabas hief nu die man uit gobien |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 548 zijn | werf | en hij, | Barnabas, heeft mu de man uit Gobabis |
| 3POS | werf | and 3 S | Barnabas PRF now D man from Gobabis |


| die hief | baleede | jaar | een van w[-a]itte | manen | doodgemaak |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 549 die | $-V]$ | verlede | jaar een van $/ D]$ witte | mannen | dood.gemaakt |  |
| REL PRF | last | year | one of | whitc | men | dead.GE-make |


${ }^{74}$ Altematively: Barnabas wil mij, om ... 'Bamabas wants me for [to]..', cf. section IA, footnote 18 , p.11.
${ }^{75}$ Could be kaal, 'bare, bald', cf. the omission of kalf in the previous line. In other letters he speaks about Kaalbeesdamaras. Cf. Volume I, Chapter Three, footnote 9, p. 67.

| Othimbingw <br> 562 <br> Otimbingwe <br> Otimbingwe | ben <br> zijn <br> are |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 563 | ik | ben |
|  | Ik | ben |
|  | I | am |

Kapitein Jan Jonker Afrikaner

Aris 6 Dezemper 1870
Aris, 6 december 1870

| 565 | *Wel* <br> Wel <br> well | Eerwaarde eenvaarde honorable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 566 | Heer heer Mr. | Hahn <br> Hahn, <br> Hahn |  |
| 567 |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { ik } & \text { hebben } \\ \text { Ik } & \text { heb } \\ \text { I } & \text { PRF } \end{array}$ | uwen uw <br> 2 POS |
| 568 | brief <br> brief <br> letter | $\begin{array}{ll} z 00 & \text { lad } \\ \text { zo } & \text { laat } \\ \text { so } & \text { late } \end{array}$ | ge ontvangen: ontvangen. GE-receive: |



|  | hoe | is ondersde |  |  | weerlt is: |  | ik | heb |  | ook |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 574 | hoe | $[-V]$ | [D] ond | derste | wereld | is. | Ik | heb |  | ook |
|  | how | is |  | der-side | world | is: | 15 | PRF |  | also |
| 575 | nog | Heer |  | roder | zyn brie | gek | krygen |  |  |  |
|  | nog | heer |  | röder | $3 P O S$ brief | gek | rregen |  |  |  |
|  | also | Mr . |  | röder | 3 POS lette | GE | receive |  |  |  |
|  | maar | ik |  | zoo | en ding |  | daar va |  | ge | hooren |
| 576 | maar | $i k$ | [PRF] | $z 0$ | eens ding |  | daarvan |  |  | ord. |
|  | but | 1 S |  | so | thing |  | there of |  |  |  |


| ik | zenden | u | zalte brief van myn | Heer |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 577 Ik | zend | $u$ | [D].zelfde brief van | mijn | heer |
| is send | 2 S | same letter of | IPOS | Mr. |  |




## Went Hoek Aprild 191871

Wel
2 Wel well Windhoek, 19 april 1871
i
3 Ik mack u deze

| paar regelen | om | an | u | de |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| paar regels | om | aan | u | $[->\rceil$ |
| few lines | for | to | $2 S$ | to |

4 bekend >te] maken [dat]
wy heben gehoord
out Wet Booi hief
wij hebben gehoord [dat] oude Witbooi is known make 1PL PRF GE-hear old Witbooi PRF
$\begin{array}{clcl}\text { 5 } & \text { gedrek } & \text { met } & \text { zyn } \\ \text { getrokken } \\ \text { GE-move }\end{array} \begin{gathered}\text { met } \\ \text { with }\end{gathered} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { zijn } \\ & \text { 3POS }\end{aligned}$ volk naar Wader Berg doe: volk naar Waterberg toe, to

| 6 | en | voorste drek | van hun | is | nu | al | naby | van |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | en [D] | voorste | trek | van hen | is | nu | al | nabij |
| and | first | move | from 3PL | is | now | already | near | of |

$7 \begin{array}{llllll}\text { HNoozop } & \text { welke } & \text { hy } & \text { vooruit } & \text { geladen } & \text { drekken: } \\ \text { Nossob } & \text { welke hij } & \text { vooruit } & \text { laten } & \text { trekken }[P R F] .\end{array}$ Nossob REL 3 S in front GE-let move
$8 \begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { dat } & \text { maak } & \text { ik ulieden beken. } & \text { en } & \text { ik } & \text { maak } & \text { u } & \text { nog ienigen } \\ \text { Dot } & \text { maak } & i k & \text { u } & \text { bekend. } & \text { En } & \text { ik } & \text { makk } & u & \text { nog.enigen' }\end{array}$ that make 1S 2PL known and 1S make 2 S more.some
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { beken heir } & \text { is een } & \text { handelar } & \text { gekom } & \text { en } & \text { by } & \text { my } \\ \text { bekend, hier } & \text { is een } & \text { handelaar } & \text { gekomen } & \text { en }[P R F] & \text { bij } & \text { mijn } \\ \text { known here } & \text { PRFD } & \text { trader } & \text { GE-come } & \text { and } & \text { with } & \text { iS }\end{array}$ ontvangs vragen lad ik hem annemen als my handelar ben
10 ontvangst reception GE-ask let iS 3S accept as iS trader are hier op diet blads verkopwenkel maak dat maak ik u


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Winthoek den 26 Febuarij 1872
58 Windhoek, 26 februari 1872
Wel eerwaarde Heer
59 Wel eerwaarde heer
Well honorable Mr.
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Hahn } & \text { Gode } & \text { zij dank } & \text { ik ben nog } & \text { Wel } \\ 60 \text { Hahn. God } & \text { zij donk, } & \text { ik ben nog } & \text { wel } \\ \text { Hahn } & \text { God } & \text { be thanked } & \text { is am still } & \text { well }\end{array}$


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Dienaar
112 dienaar, servant

JJ Africander
Kapitijn

Windhoek 28 Febr / 72
113
Windhoek, 28 februari 1872
Eerwaarde heer!
114 Eerwaarde heer, honorable Mr.

|  | Ik | ben genootzaak om | tot |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 115 | Ik | ben genoodzaakt om | tot |  |
|  | IS | am obliged | for | to |


| $u$ | paar | regelen | te schrijven. | Wij hebben al |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $116 u$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ID] | paar | regels | te schrijven | Wij hebben al |
| $2 S$ | few | lines | to write | IPL PRFalready |  |


al <olozien> dat [-hy]<ol-zy> eer [-a] zy uit ons zyn, sommige menschen 123 al zien dat zij, eer zij uilons zijn sommige mensen already see that 3S 3PL before? 3PL out 1PL are some people
gedood hadden, dat[-heeft] hadden zy uitgesproken, dat
124 gedood hebben, dat hadden zij uitgesproken, dat GE-kill PRF that PRF PRF 3PL GE-speak, that

| 125 | zy | door | oorlog | zich | zal | bevryden, | daarom | verdienen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2 i j$ | door | oorlog | zich | zullen | bevrijden, | daarom | verdienen |
|  | 3PL | by | war | REFL | will | free | therefore | earn |
|  | zy | te | Otimimingue | alleen |  | geweren, | met | dit doel. |
| 126 | $z i j$ | te | Otjimbingwe | alleen |  | geweren, | met | dit doel. |
|  | 3PL | to | Otjimbingwe | only |  | guns | with | D purpose |


| Ik wil volstrek niet | hebben, | dat | zy | volop | de | geweren |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 127 ik wil volstrekt niet | hebben | dat | zij | volop | $[-]$ | geweren |
| IS want at.all | NEG | have | that | 3PL | plenty | D | guns

zoude hebben, omdat ik hunne doel weete
128 zonden hebben, omdat ik hun doel weet. would have for IS 3POS purpose know

${ }^{16}$ Considering Jan Jonker's paradigm of pronominal forms (see Volume I, Chapter Four) my is rather interpreted as a possessive pronoun. Also, because in similar appositive constructions he uses 1PL forms (ons Afrikaner(s)). Cf. section 1A: In.6, in. $31, \ln .57, \ln .81, \ln .84, \ln .128$, $\ln .134, \ln .293$.


[^284]| Hartelyke groctenis | van | uw | u |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Hartelijke groeten | van | ww | $[-]$ |  |
| warm | regards | of | $2 P O S$ | $2 S$ |

liefhebben
152 liefnebbende, loving

Kapitein Jan Jonker Averkaner

Went Hoek de 15 Aprel 1872

| Wel | myn | gliefe | Eerwaarde | Heer |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 154 Wel | mijn | geliefde | eerwaorde | heer. |
| well | IPOS | beloved | honorable | Mr. |

155 |  | ik | mak | u wederom deze weinige |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Ik | maak | u wederom | deze weinige |
| iS make | 2S again | D few |  |  |

| $u$ regelen | om $u$ daar | mede de vrag | of verzoeken |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $156[-]$ regels, | om $u$ daar mee te vragen | of verzoeken |  |
| $2 S$ lines | for $2 S$ there with to ask | or request |  |


| de antwoorden van myne | leste | brieffen die | wacht |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 157 te antwoorden | van ${ }^{18}$ mijn | lactste | brieven die | wachten |  |
| to answer | of 1 POS | last | letters | REL | wait |


| hasdig noch | lieve Heer zien | die Damaras | zegt |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 158 haastig nog. | Lieve heer, zie | de Damaras | zeggen |  |
| hasty still | dear sir | see | D Damaras | say |


| nog | ons | zal | niet daar in jagden | daarom | heb |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 159 nog, | wij | zullen | niet daar in jagen. | Daarom | heb |
| still | $1 P L$ | will | NEG there in hunt | therefore | PRF |


| ik die | brief | naar | u | geschryven om | uwe antwoorden |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 160 ik die | brief | nacar | u | geschreven om | uw antwoord |  |
| iS D | letter | to | $2 S$ | GE-write | for | $2 P O S$ answer |

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[^286]| IK | ben | uwe <olleer> | kind |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| IK | ben | uw | leer |
| Kind, |  |  |  |
| IS | am | 2 POS | learn |
| child |  |  |  |

Kapiteinjan Afrikan*..*

$186 \quad$| Wel | Eerwaarde | Kaptein! |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wel | eerwaarde | kapitein. |
| woll |  |  |



| te vergaderen | is niee | waar. En zullen | dan | menschen | komen |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 189 te vergaderen | is | niet | waar. En | zouden [er] dan | mensen | komen |
| to meet | is NEG true and will | then | people | come |  |  |


| van | onderen, dan zyn zy | degenen welke | gy geroepen had, |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 190 van | onder, dan zijn zij | degenen welke gij geroepen had, |  |
| from |  |  |  |
| under |  |  |  |

om paarden te komen verrulen, want gy had toenmals
191 om paarden te komen verruilen, want gij had toenmaals
for horses to come exchange because 2 S PRF then
gevraagd, dat menschen met paarden zou komen om te
192 gevraagd dat mensen met paarden zouden komen om te
GE-ask that people with horses would come for to
verrulen. En wanneer buitendien de Kapiteinen zullen
193 verruilen. En wanneer buitendien de kapiteinen zullen exchange and when moreover D captains will
komen, dan zullen zy komen om de vrede de bevestigen.
194 komen dan zullen zij komen om de vrede te bevestigen, come then will 3PL come for $D$ peace to acknowledge


| te oorlogen. | dat weet ik niet |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 207 te oorlogen, | dat | dat weet ik niet. |
| to war | that know is NEG |  |



Windhoek 3 Jan 1874

| Myn | broeder | Kapitein | Kamaharero! |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 214 Mijn | broeder | kapitein | Kamaharero, |
| 1POS | brother | captain | Kamaharero |


| Ik had | vrede om | stille | en gerust leven | te leiden, | om |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 215 Ik had | vrede om $/ D]$ | stil | en gerust leven | te leiden; | om |  |  |
| IS had | peace | for | quiet | and casy | life | to lead | for |

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| Waterbokjes | is | hier in niette | verstaan, omdat | zulke |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 243 Waterpokken | zijn | hier in niet | te verstaan, omdot [daar $<$ ] | zulke |
| chicken pox | is | here in NEG | to understandbecause | such |

ongemakelykheden daar in zyn, daar neem ik $u$ niet
244 ongemakkelijkheden $[<-] \quad[-]$ zijn, daar [voor $<] \quad[-]$ neem ik u niets inconveniences there in are there from take 1 S 2 S NEG
voor ver kwalyk, dat is naar regt, want het is ook nietbehoorlyk, $245[<--] \quad[-]^{30}$ kwalijk. $\begin{gathered}\text { amiss } \\ \text { for }\end{gathered} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Dat is naar recht want } \\ & \text { that is to rights }\end{aligned}$
zulke ziekten tot veiliegen te bringen. $U$ had my eens gezegt,
246 zulke ziektes tot veiligen te brengen. $U$ had mijeens gezegd
such diseases to safe[people] to bring 2 S PRF 1 S once GE-say

| gy wilte | alleen wat Governeur $u$ had | geraden daama handelen |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 247 gij wilde | alleen wat [D] gouverneur $u$ | had | geraden, daarna handelen |  |  |  |
| 2S wanted | only | what | governor | $2 S$ | PRF | GE-advise after.REL act |

${ }^{28}$ Zonder om has developed as the only correct form in Afrikaans; it is ungrammatical in Dutch.
${ }^{29}$ Infelicitous word order: hen maar een beetje achter uit laten trekken ..., 'just let them do as they please...' or '..let them move away from my grounds...' (?).
${ }^{30}$ Either kwalijk nemen or verkwalijken, 'take amiss'.



[^290]| Wel | Edle | Kapetein | Kamaharero |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 271 Wel | edele | Kapitein | Kamaharero. |
| well | noble | captain | Kamaharero |


| ik heb de Eer van | u Weel | Edle om aan | ue dese | volgende |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 272 Ik heb de eer | van $u$, wel | edele om aan | of | deze | volgende |  |  |
| is have the honor | of | $2 S$ well | noble for | to | $2 S$ | D | following |

Regelente zenden ik heb uwe Brief ontvangen en ik heb
273 regels te zenden. Ik heb uw brief ontvangen en ik heb
lines to send 1 SPRF 2 POS letter GE-receive and IS PRF
hem dar over gevrag Maar hy onkin en zeg hy hat niet
274 hem daarover gevraagd maar hij ontkent en zegt hij had niet
3S there about GE-ask but 3S deny and say 3S PRF NEG
zo geschryven verder weel ik aan uEdle bekent maken dat Uwe
275 zo geschreven. Verder wil ik aan u.edele bekend maken dat uw thus GE-write further want iS to 2S. noble known make that 2POS

| Menschen | die hier | Bo kant is en Koubakoep | Schein niet Reg |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 276 mensen | die hier | boven | $[-]$ | zijn | in Kubakup, [die] schijnen niet recht |
| people | REL here upper side are in Kubakup | seem NEG right |  |  |  |


| te doen ik vernom van hun dat zy Beesten van | de Witte Mannen |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 277 te doen. Ik vernam | van hen dat zij beesten van | de witte mannen |
| to do $1 S$ learn | from 3PL that 3PL animals from | D white men |

By zich heb en Antvlug is door en orlog van Rehoboth die
278 bij zich hebben en ontwlucht zijn door een oorlog van Rehoboth die with REFL have and GE-escape PRF by a war of Rehoboth REL
niet Zo is over zulke diengen Schein het voor My u Mog de zulke

| 279 niet | $z o$ | is. Over zulke dingen, schijnt het voor mij, u mocht | $/-$ zulke |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NEG | so | is | about such | things | seem it for | is | 2 S may | D such |

Menschen terug Roepen en nader houden om hun tog
280 mensen terug roepen en naderbij houden om hen loch
people return call and closer keep for 3PL MOD

| Alteid | Meet | vermaning | hunte | helpen. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 281 altijd | met | vermaning | $[-]$ | te helpen. |
| always | with | reprimand | 3PL | to help |



Windhoek 15 Febr 1875

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Wend Hoek eerste Deeseber 1877
1
Windhoek, I december 1877

| 2 | Wel | edele noble | lieve oom lieve oom, dear Uncle |  | Kaptein Jakobes kapitein Jacobus captain Jacobus |  |  | J. Zaak <br> Izaak <br> Izaak |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wel |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | well |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ik heb |  | de |  | Deeseber | uv |  |  | e ontvang |
|  | Ik heb | [D] eer |  |  | lecember | uw |  |  | tvang |
|  | 1 S PRF |  |  |  | December | 2 POS |  |  | E-receive |



|  | ik nu een antwoord | ik | wens | lad ons | lievers | op | Rehoboth |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ik nu een antwoord. | Ik | wens | dat wij | liever | op | Rehoboth |  |
| ik |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



| of als | Rehoboth | gylieden | veer | is: | dan zal | ons | !Hoxas |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Of, als | Rehoboth | jullie | ver | is | dan zullen | wij | !Hoxas |
| or if | Rehoboth | 2PL | far | is | then will | 1PL | !Hoxas |

of loaas een van die twee plaasen bepaal, zoo lieve
8 of loaas, een van die twee plaatsen bepalen. Zo lieve
or loaas one of $D$ two places determine so dear


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[^294]Wend Hoek 13 Janwari 1880.
Windhoek, 13 jamuari 1880

|  | Wel myn | live broeder | Pit Beikus |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 47 | Wel | mijn | lieve broeder | Piet Beukes, |
| well | lpos | dear brother | Piet | Beukes |


|  | ik maak | deze | paar | regel, | om | u | daar | mede |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 48 | Ih mack | deze | paar | regels | om | $u$ | daar | mee |
| is make | these | few | lines | for | $2 S$ | there | with |  |


|  | bekend | hoe wel ik de | wagen laad gekryg | maar | kan |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 49 | bekend [te VT,[dat] hoewel -ik | de | wagen laat | gekregen $[P R F]$ | $[-]$, | ben |
| known | although - iS | D | wagon late | GE-get | but | can |

ik daarom klaar om te gaan. maar ik zin niet van weerf

| 50 | ik daarom | klaar | om | te gaan. | Maar | ik | zin | niet van | [D] werf |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | iS MOD | ready | for | to go | but | iS | desire | NEG of | werf |


|  | de gaan | de | Bees Damras | is nu | kande klar | degen my om |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 51 | te gaan. | De | Beesidamaras | zijn | nu | kanten klaar | tegen mij om |
| to go | D | Beestdamaras | are now | more.than ready | against is for |  |  |

my de schied. maar ik weet niet wat is de orzaak die

| 52 mijte schieten. Maar ik weet niet wat is de oorzaak dat |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| IS to shoot | but iS know | NEG what is | D | cause | that |


| Damras | degen my | op stantig | is. | maar | dit is de oorzoek |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 53 ID] Damaras | tegen mij | opstandig | zijn. | Maar | dit | is | de oorzaak |
| Damaras | against 1 S | rebellious | are | but | this is | D | cause |

dat is ik wat die Bergdamras veel paarden
54 dat ben ik [het] die de Bergdamaras, veel paarden that am iS RELD Bergdamaras many horses
en beesden in \#Kans Berg verzamel dan zal ik daarna doe
55 en beesten, in Gamsberg verzamelt, dan zalik daar.naar loe en beesten in Gamsberg gather then willis thereto to treekken zoo zeg de Bees Damras zoo beschuldig henen my
56 trekken, zo zeggen de Beestdamaras. Zo beschuldigen zij mij

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| 68 |  | Wend Hoek 18 Mei 1880. Windhoek, 18 mei 1880 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wel | lieve en | en waarde | Kaptein | Kamaharero |  |  |  |
| 69 | Wel well | $\begin{aligned} & \text { lieve en } \\ & \text { dear } \end{aligned}$ | en waarde and worthy | kapitein captain | Kamaharero, <br> Kamaharero |  |  |  |
|  | ik | heb uw | uwe brief | $f$ gekryg |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Ik | heb uw | uw brief | $f$ gekrege |  |  |  |  |
|  | IS | PRF 2P | 2POS letter | GE-get |  |  |  |  |
|  | en | gy vrag | mijn | een | vrag. |  | daar | op |
| 71 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { en } \\ & \text { and } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { gij } \\ 2 \mathrm{~S} & \text { askagt } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} g t & \text { mij } \\ & \text { IPOS } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { een } \\ & \text { a } \end{aligned}$ | vracg. questio | g. <br> tion | Dacarop there | on |
|  | die | vrag | antwoor | ord ik | u hi | hier | mede |  |
| 72 | die | vraag | antwoord ik |  | $u$ hi | hiermee |  |  |
|  | D | question | answer | 1S | 2 S he | here | with |  |
|  | met | koorde wo | woorden. | daar | is ni | niet | een |  |
| 7 | met with | korte woorden.  <br> short words |  | Daar there |  | niet NEG | een |  |
|  | van | mij m | menschen | daar in | die \#Kans Berg |  |  |  |
| 74 | van | mijn mens | mensen daar in |  | de | Gamsberg - |  |  |
|  | of | IS peo | people | there in | D | Gam | sberg |  |
|  | of een | van my | Bergdamras. Bergdamaras. |  | ik zal |  | u |  |
| 75 | of een | van mijn |  |  | Ik zal |  | $u$ |  |
|  | or one | of 1S | Bergdamaras |  | 1S wi |  | 2S |  |
|  | nog | naderhand | duidelijk | k schrijfve |  |  |  |  |
| 76 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { nog } \\ & \text { still } \end{aligned}$ | naderhand afterwards | duidelijk schrijven. clearly write |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | dat | schien | my zoo | zoo, gy | versta |  | mij |  |
| 77 | Het that | schijnt <br> seem | $m i j$ | $\begin{array}{ll} z o, & g i j \\ \text { so } & 2 \mathrm{~S} \end{array}$ | versta unders | taat rstand | mijn |  |
|  | brief | <ol*niet> | wel. <br> wel. | daarom |  | ik | nu | Eig |
| 78 | brief | niet |  | Daarom stuur therefore send |  | ik | nu | Eich ${ }^{7}$ |
|  | letter | NEG |  |  |  | 1S | now | Eich |

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Otiseva den 3 Desembr 1880
Otjizeva, 3 december 1880

| Opper | Hoof | Kamaharero |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Opperhoofd- | Kamaharero, |  |
| paramount chief | Kamaharero |  |


| Met | de | volgende | regelen | vrag | ik | u | Wat | uwe |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mening |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 110 Met | de | volgende | regels | vraag | ik | $u$ | wat | uw |
| with | D | following | lines | ask | iS | $2 S$ | what | $2 P O S$ |
| opinion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

is met orlog te voleindigen of vreede de zuidelyk
111 is, met oorlog te voleindigen of vrede? De zuidelijke is with war to end or peace $D$ southern


[^298]| 122 | moglyk <br> mogelijke <br> possible | Wysen wijzen. ways | $\begin{array}{r} \text { dus } \\ \text { [Al]. } \mathrm{Cus} \\ \text { so } \end{array}$ | mak <br> maak <br> make | ik u <br> ik $u$ <br> 1S 2 S | bekent bekend known | en <br> ent <br> and | Wens wens wish | $\begin{aligned} & \text { uwe } \\ & w w \end{aligned}$ $2 \text { POS }$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 123 | mening te mening te opinion to | hooren horen. hear |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 124 |  | Met <br> Met <br> with | Achting achting esteem | $\begin{aligned} & \text { de } \\ & d e \\ & \mathrm{D} \end{aligned}$ | uwe uwe, 2 POS |  |  |  |  |
|  | J Jonker A | kander Kapitein |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



| alle | Leeraars van | Damaraland, | daar | mede | vriendlijk |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 128 alle | leraren van <br> all | Deachers of | Damaraland, | daar | mee | vriendelijk

verzoek en die raad an uliden geven. als uwe vriend
129 verzoekende en [-] raad aan u gevende, als uw wiend.
request and D advice to 2PL give as 2POS friend
waner uliden Leeraars die brief kryg maak klaar en
130 Wanneer. $u$, leraren deze brief krijgt, maak klaar en
when 2PL teachers D letter get make ready and
padgeef zoorver Otimbingw. wad maak gyliden 131 pad.geeff zover [als] Otjimbingwe. Wat maken jullie, way.give so.far Otimbingwe what make 2PL
${ }^{12}$ Transcribed according to the original mamuscript; not to the typescript of dr. Vedder (see footnote 6).
${ }^{13}$ Dutch: letter: 'character', (although the formal or archaic plural noun letteren also means 'letter'): possibly an Anglicism (English:'letter', Dutch: brieven).
${ }^{14}$ Not a Dutch lemma but contemporary Afrikaans for 'give way, withdraw, move'.


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Aseberes 26 Mart 1881.
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Tsebris, 26 maart 1881

|  | Wel | live | vriend | of | broeder Kamaharero |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 157 | Wel well | lieve | vriend friend | of | broeder Kamaharero |
|  |  | ook | Tjinake | of | lapa Dama |
| 158 |  | ook | Tjinake | of | lapa Dama, |


| Dad | is | niet | vandag | heb | ik $u$ | brieften geschryf |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 159 Dat | is | niet | vandaag | heb | ik $u$ | brieven | geschreven. |  |
| It | is | NEG | today | PRF | iS | $2 S$ | letter | GE-write |


| waarom | is uliden niet kan een | anword | brief myn |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 160 Waarom | zijn jullie | niet | kunnen ${ }^{18}$ een | antwoord | brief | mij |
| why | are 2PL | NEG can an | answer | letter | 1POS |  |

schryven hoe is dat gyliden zoo steemeg. zienlieve vriend

| 161 schrijven? Hoe[zo] zijn $[-]$ | jullie zo stemmig? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| write | how is | zie, lieve vriend |  |  |  |
| that | 2PL | so moody | see | dear | friend |

|apa Damap ik zal niet meer brief aan $u$. hier ben ik
162 lapa Damap, ik zal niet meer [D] brief aan u [V] Hier heb ik lapa Damap is will NEG more letter to 2 S here PRF is

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iewegheid geverloren. henen twee begeerd niet vrede de leven
171 eeuwigheid verloren [V]. Zij twee begeren niet [P] vrede te leven. eternity GE-lose 3PL two wish NEG peace to live

| zoo moet u als | u deze | brief kry | alle | menschen | by | roep |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 172 Zo moet $u$ als | de deze | brief krijgt | alle | mensen | byleen] | roepen |
| so must $2 S$ | if $2 S D$ | letter get | all | people | together | call |

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| Wel | live | broeder |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 179 Wel | lieve | broeder |
| well | dear | brother |

P. Bukus
P. Beukus

| hier | mede | maak ik | u beken | zaderdag | heb | op Rodebank |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 181 Hier | mee | maak ik | u bekend, zaterdag | ben [1S] | op Rooibank |  |
| here | with | make iS | 2S known | Saturday | PRF | on Rooibank |


| gekom | doen | hoor ik hier | by de menschen | dat Mr. Jordan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 182 gekomen | toen | hoor ik hier | bij de mensen | dat mr. Jordaan |
| GE-come | then | hear iS here | by D people | that Mr. Jordan |


| is | naar | Rehoboth doe voor by gegaan. | die weis | kryg |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 183 is | naar | Rehoboth toe voorbij-gegaan. [Op] | die wijze krijg |  |  |
| PRF | to | Rehoboth to | past - GE-go | D way | get |


| ik niet Mr. Jordan | op zyn huis en die menschen | verhal | my |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ik niet mr. Jordaan | bij zijn huis en de mensen | verhalen | mij [dat] |  |
| is NEG Mr. Jordaan | on | 3POS house and D people | tell | is |



[^303]| ben | ik | uwe | Vriend |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 197 Ben | ik | ww | wriend |
| am | iS | 2 POS | friend |

Hau-xas 20ste Maart. 1889
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Hou-xas, 20 maart 1889


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[^305]${ }^{24}$ Dutch: uitsturen, wegsturen, terugsturen, 'send out, send away, return'. The multifunctional usage of prepositions as verbs as in (i) has generally become possible in non-standard Afrikaans, although I have not been


## Authentication of the manuscripts

To authenticate the authorship of the letters in the present corpus a graphologist and an expert in paleography have examined photocopies of the original documents, all including Jan Jonker Afrikaner's signature. Their observations are discussed in Chapter Three (Volume 1, p.93-94). To illustrate their findings, photocopies of the letters are included here as follows:

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## APPENDIX II



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After Jan Jonker's father, Jonker Afrikaner, had died' in August 1861, his brother Christian took over the leadership of the Oorlam Afrikaner polity, but he died only shortly afterwards (June 15, 1863) in a confrontation between his commando and Andersson's Herero army. Notwithstanding that the positions of the various parties involved in this battle remain vague (whether and how much Andersson was involved, what instigated the battle etc. (cf. Lau ed., 1989:236ff.), the present correspondence gives an impression of what it all meant to Jan Jonker Afrikaner.

Letter No 1 is a short note to Willem Swartbooi, chief of the Swartboois at Rehoboth, notifying him of the battle casualties in which his brother had died. He writes him an imploring, almost panickstricken letter, addressing Willem as 'father' although they were neither relatives, friends or even a close allies (see footnote 3). Two missives to missionaries in the same tone follow, in which Jan blames them for his misfortune. Letter № 3 (25.9.1863) and $\mathcal{N}^{2} 4$ (26.9.1863), to missionary Kleinschmidt and missionary Weber respectively, are almost identical in wording: "you, my dear missionary, are the cause of the death of my brother (and father), and of all my troubles. You have been sent to spill our blood - not to preach." These letters are not signed, perhaps unfinished, but Jan Jonker must have written similar letters to others too, as the next entry is a letter (№ 5 , dated 29.10 .1863 ) in reply to missionary Vollmer, who defends himself against Jan's accusations. ${ }^{2}$ It explicates further why, Jan Jonker would think that the missionaries are the main source of his troubles. The letters give one the impression that Jan took on the leadership of his people quite unprepared, but with a certain amount of fixed ideas about his contemporaries. In between these is a letter ( $\mathrm{N}^{2} 2$, dd. 5.8 .1863 ) to quarrelling relatives. It is hard to place it in the history of the developments as nothing further is known about the people mentioned and addressed in this letter. It may perhaps show that Jan was a religious man at heart; of an empathetic nature, or, bound to meddling in other people's affairs.

All five of these letters are from a collection with the heading "Sundry correspondence from the Hottentots at the battle of the 22 nd of June 1864 when I was crippled for life by a gunshot wound. [signed] Charles John Andersson." (NA AP Vol.11); the entire collection is reproduced in Lau ed., 1989:249ff.

[^306]Windhoek, July 9, 1863
To my dear old father Willem Swartbooi, ${ }^{3}$
I write you these few lines, to let you know that this time a terrible disaster has struck us. It seems that God has left us this year, left us between the Damaras. The Damaras have killed us and we, Afrikaners stand alone in this war. Seven men have been killed, including Jan, and my brother Christiaan, as well as Jager, Uncle Jonas and three brothers, Jager, Jan and Timothy.
[Appendix I, Section A, In. 10-28]
Windhoek, August 5, 1863

## To my loving Uncle, Jacobus Booi, ${ }^{4}$

I write you this letter with a request, and important advice. I have heard that you and your brother Jonas ${ }^{5}$ have enmity between you, and, also between your sons. I wish I were able to come down and mediate peace, but I have no time to come. I am sorry. I will give you advice. I think this: you must first let other matters rest, let us work out the important matters, dear brothers of my mother. How will you justify such speech? Stop that. If you care for me then vindicate such stories and make peace, then I will be very happy and grateful. Let the Lord reign in your heart and bring peace amongst you and make you brothers in God's word, once more. Why should love be abandoned before God? That is how it seems to me. I think this: when such adverse words come between you, then you both must remember God. That is my hope. Therefore I say now: pray to him,

[^307]let him reign in your hearts and bless you, do not let it be the way it is now. That is my wish. I also pray and hope, that he will help me.

Windhoek, 25 September, 1863
The Honorable Mr. Kleinschmidt, ${ }^{6}$
Well, I do know about your advice and supplications to us, Afrikaners, I know very well that you wish to destroy us. Further, I wanted to know if the Society ${ }^{7}$ has sent you here in order to spill our blood? Well, you have spoiled many souls with your advice, and yet, you want to spill some more? I can prove to you that you are as sly as a snake. I can prove it to you. Also on the day of the deceased old captain, ${ }^{8}$ I can prove that you were a sly teacher. The big problem of the country, which prevents the country from enjoying peace, is your slyness. Therefore I will research this further and find out whether the Society has sent you to spill our blood, for it is not just today ${ }^{9}$ that you pray and plea over our blood, it was also on the day of the deceased old captain that you were thirsting over our blood.

So I will inquire further with the Society to learn whether you were sent to destroy us. For it was not just today. Therefore I will inquire. So that I can know how to behave, for I had thought that you were sent to preach the Gospel? Well, further I will want to know whether you were sent over our blood, as well as tell them that you hinder the treaty of the nation, that you hamper all the good causes of the nation. We are a nation. So, it is unnecessary to hinder the nation's treaty; and it is not just only today. You are a teacher who started this country, therefore you must do good, we have great expectations that you will establish peace, but it seems you rather instigate trouble.

[^308]Windhoek, 26 September 1863
The Honorable Mr. Weber, ${ }^{10}$
Well, I know your advice and your supplications to us, Afrikaners, that you wish to destroy us very well. Further I want to know if the Society has sent you in order to spill our blood, for many souls have been lost by your advice. Further, also that you obstruct the treaty which the paramount chiefs of this country have formulated. And further, that you just wish to spill our blood. Did the Society send you to spill our blood? I will research this further, so I know how to behave towards you, for it is not just today, it was also on the day of the deceased old captain. Therefore I am very serious, for I presumed that you were sent to preach the Gospel to the people. Therefore it is unbelievable to me that you obstruct the union of the nation. We are a nation. Thus, it is not needed, therefore, you must stay away from the alliance of the nation, for that is none of your business. Therefore you must stay away; if you will not stay away then I will sort this out further, for this is none of your business. You work on the nation's treaty in order to make us in discord. Well, we are a nation and do not need your work on this. So, now, I will keep myself to this, for we are a nation.

In reply to an obviously similar letter (not traced), missionary Vollmer wrote Jan Jonker Afrikaner: ${ }^{11}$

[^309] (continued...)

Hoachanas, October 15, 1863. To Jan Afrikaner

In amazement I read the letter that you sent me. It seems that you want to make it even worse then your deceased father did. Tell me for which reason and with which right can you accuse me of spilling your blood? When did you see, or have you heard that I killed someone, or, that I have given others the advice to kill? Aren't you ashamed to write such things into the world? Do you think it is going to give you honor? Now, Jan you are mistaken. Also you accuse me of having lost many souls through my advice. Tell me Jan, when did I give you advice to wage war? Did I send you to Azab $^{12}$ to murder the people there, was that my advice? Did I give you such advice?


#### Abstract

"(..continued) kleine ding den grooten klein en den kleinen groot te maken. Het is eenen waarschuwing voor u en uwe volk maar gij welt ook dese waarschuwing niet hooren en ook niet bekeeren.

De Heer Jesus zegt in het Evangelie Hooftstuk 13 vers 3 en 5 twee maal tot de Joden: 'Maar indien gij u nict bekeen zoo zult gij allen desgelijk vergaan.' En ik zegt u ook in den naam onzes Heeren Jesus: indien gij u niet bekeert dic nu nog overgebleven zijt van de groote slach zoo zult gij allen desgelijk vergaan. Den Joden is het overgekomen op cenen vreeselijke wijsen om dat zij zich niet tot din Heer Jesus bekeert heben, en gij niet omkeert van dezen verdervelijken weg op dien gij gaat het zal ulieden net zoo gaan als hun.

Denk niet. Jan. dat het voor mij eene Blijdschap is dat de Heere God u zoo moet slaan maar wat zal God doen daar gil nooit naar zijn woord hooren welf en aan hetzelven geduurig ongehoorzaam zijt. Het is voor mijn geen blijdschap als ik fien en hooren moet dat zoo veele zielen en het bederf loopen en dat moedswellig zoo als gij doet daar on zegt ik !. Jan*. keer om van desen weg want die is voor u eene verder verderfelijke weg, hij brengt u met al uwe menschen in het onnitbluschelijke vuur. God de Heer heef uwen overledenen vader als eenen zambok in zijne hand gehad en heeft door hem de Namaquas, de Damras en de Owambos of $/$ Nawis geklapt en geslagen. [Hij hefi] $U$ mu niet meer als cenen zambok noodig, de volken zijn al genoeg geslagen. Daarom is de zambok mu ook aan stukken gebreken en weggeworpen och of gij nu nog hooren mochtet en aannemen wat voor uwe ziel en ligchaam tot behoudenis is. dam zoude het met u nog weder beter woorden. Ik men het woord der genade in Jesus Christus des zoone Gods.


Marr wie kan dat hoopen daar gij maar allenlijk der zonde en den Duivel dient en der zonde Knecht zijt en ook haar Knecht blijven welt. Zoe lange het zoo is, is eer geene reding voor u. Maar het zoude mijn hart verkwekken en mijn verblijden als ik zoude hooren dat gij $u$ tot God wil dat bekeeren en Genade zoeken in Jesus Christus. Dit wensch ik voor u mijn gansche hart, die ik bin
F.H. Vollmer

Leeraar te Hoachanas
[NA AP Vol. 11, Lau ed., 1989:270]
${ }^{12}$ Atsab, Nama name for Otjmbingwe. Key $19^{\text {ti }}$ century settlement, the center of all trading and missionar activities. (See Lau cd. 1989:310 for an interpretation or the name as either "to refresh oneself" or "abeauiful place".)

When I spoke to you, we spoke about God's word and not about war. You appeal to the Treaty ${ }^{13}$ which the chiefs of the Country made. But why are you a transgressor of the Treaty yourself? And your deceased brother also breached it. Why did you not act according to the Treaty, because Article 3 of the Treaty reads: no chief will be allowed to make a commando or to order a commando against the Damaras, that is what is written in the Treaty, and now you have breached it without legal cause and therefore you have been beaten. Was it my fault that you broke the law? Did I give you such advice? Wasn't it your own wickedness that you went [into battle] and that, moreover with treachery and guile.

You dug a hole for others, but you have fallen into the hole which you made yourself, thus says the word of God, Psalm 7, 16. But it is so that you continuously scorn God's word and hinder it; therefore God, the almighty, for once, has delivered you in the hands of your enemies. It is easy for God to make the small [people] big and the big [people] small. It is a warning to you and your people, but even this warning you do not want to hear and you do not want to become converted.

The Lord Jesus says in the Gospel, Chapter 13, 3 and 5, twice to the Jews: "But if you do not convert yourself, then you will be doomed." And 1 , now, I say to you to in the name of our Lord Jesus: if you and those who have survived the big slaughter will not be converted, you will all be doomed. It happened to the Jews in a terrible way, because they did not convert themselves to the Lord Jesus, and if you do not retreat from this pernicious road you are on, the same will happen to you, as it happened to them.

Jan, do not think, that it pleases me that the Lord God has to beat you this way, but what will God do if you never want to listen to his word and are continually disobedient to him. It is not a pleasure for me to have to see and hear that so many souls are wantonly on the downhill path to perdition by your doing. Therefore I tell you, Jan, time and over again, retreat from this pernicious road, because it is a destructive path, it will take you and all your people into the inextinguishable inferno. God had your deceased father in his hand like a sambok ${ }^{14}$ and through him he hit and beat the Namaquas, the Damaras and the Owambos or/Nawis. Now he doesn't need you anymore as a sambok, the people have been beaten enough. Therefore the sambok has been broken to pieces and has been thrown away; if you may only hear and accept which is best for the salvation of your soul and body, then all would be so much better now. I mean, the word of mercy in Jesus Christ, the son of God.

But who can have such hopes, when you solely serve to sin and the
${ }^{13}$ Traktaat "Ton ons vereenigde Kapiteins en Raadslieden op den 9.January 1858", see footnote 18.
${ }^{14}$ Malay, in South African English 'sjambok', short thick whip made of pleated leather or a piece of thick animal skin (rhinoceros or hippopotamus).

Devil; act as the servant of sin and insists to remain that way. As long as it is like that, there is no salvation. But, it would bring joy to my heart and happiness, if I were to hear that you want to convert yourself to God and seek his Mercy in Jesus Christ. This is what I wish for you, with all my heart, I am,
F.H. Vollmer ${ }^{15}$

Missionary in Hoachanas ${ }^{16}$

Windhoek, 29 October 1863
To Mr. Vollmer, Captain of Hoachanas,
I received your letter and heard what you say to me. You also ask me to tell you when you spilled our, Afrikaners, blood. I have heard a lot from old Cornelius ${ }^{317}$ people. For years on end you have given old Cornelius the advice to spill our, the Afrikaners' blood. So I know your opinion. If you and I had spoken earlier, then I would have been able to tell you straight forward who of my men have told me all this. Further you speak about Article $3 .^{18}$ It is true what you say about the Article,

[^310]${ }^{1 "}$ Art. 3 Traktaat "Van ons vereenigde Kapiteins en Raadslieden op den 9 January 1858." Article 3 of the treaty of the united Captains and Council on the 9th of Januaty 1858.

Geen hoofd word toegelaten Kommando te doen of te laten doen naar de Damras, zonder weltelyke oorzaak van de Damras. Wanneer de mamen van een Hoofd uit ongehoorzaamheid zulks zelfs doen, en wanneer hy hum dan daarover bestraffen wil en hun straffen op-

No chief will be allowed to do or to let do a Commando against the Damaras without legal cause of the Damaras. When the men of a chief dis. obediently do such a thing, and when he then wants to discipline them about that and give
(contimicd ..)
but I ask you, what have the captains been told? Their chiefs, all of them will have to obey article 3 I ask you again how do the rules of the article read? It says this: when people are unruly, then the other chiefs will come together and punish the offenders by force. Look Vollmer, I am not saying you must send old Cornelius down here, that he must spill our blood. Listen to me, I say this: leave the captains alone, let the captains come to help me; the country is unsafe now. Let the captains come and bring peace in the country. There are two ways of aid, evil is also abetting, but peace is as well. That is my wish.

You spoke with the Damaras and Namaquas and Ovambos and with my deceased father and also with my deceased brother. Why did you speak such things? After all, you are a teacher. I ask you again did you come here to preach war? Answer me, Vollmer! I thought you were sent here to preach God's word, but I see now that you came to teach war and evil. I see now that it is for that very reason your pupils cannot even write or read a letter.

You also speak about me. I haven't done anything wrong yet. You spoke about the day my father died and about the day my brother died; I ask you now ifl were to send forces or a commando to your place, to take your animals and cattle from you, would you still want to speak peace with me? And if I took other goods, or boxes or stole your jacket, would you speak to me again? Why did you raise old matters? I will now tell you what Kamaharero did, the day that he took on the desire to become free. He didn't let us know that he was free, at night, without us knowing, he just departed with our animals, our cattle and sheep. Then we reclaimed our goods. Then the Damaras didn't want to give them back to us; then we went back to Asab to ask for our cattle back. Then the Damaras were the first ones to start shooting. Tell me, what are we to blame? What do I owe you? I didn't speak of the matters from the old days, you spoke about the old days. Further you also said that we, Afrikaners scomed God's word. Tell me when did I tell you that I scomed God's word? When did you ever come here to preach God's word, or even once, came to my settlement to preach God's word and saw that we, Afrikaners, held God's word in disdain? Tell me! I did not scom God's word. I wished I could obtain a teacher, but the likes of you ${ }^{19}$ I do not need. You, Rhenish missionaries, you always write lies in your letters. Therefore I do not need you Germans. Thus, Mr. Vollmer, you must reply me posthaste, I ask you.

I remain,
J. Jonker Afrikaner, Chief of Damaraland

[^311]> them punishment, and they are refractory to bend themselves there under, and the chief is unable to punish them. Then the next chief will be obliged to come to the aid of this chief to penalize the action.
${ }^{19}$ Unclear passage in the original, cf. Appendix 1, Section A, In. 136, foomote 23.

The first letter ( $N^{2} 6$, not dated) in the correspondence from 1866 , is merely a brief announcement that Jan is nearing the settlement of a trader in 'enemy' territory. Compared to the 1863 -letters he seems to have settled in securely in his role as chief of the Afrikaner polity. He signs his name as "the paramount chief' of the Afrikaners.

In the preceding year, the traders Andersson and Green had decided to side with Kamaharero (the Beesdamara), to break Jan from his powerful position over trade routes and in politics (cf. Volume 1, Chapter Three, \& 3.1.3). This was done under the guise of the "war of liberation" for the "oppressed" Beesdamara. Andersson and Green, in spite of the "freedom fighters"" unwillingness to engage in battle, became very active to turn Otjimbingwe into a military fort. They managed to muster about 2500 men, armed them with firearms of all sorts, assegais, spears, knobkerries, bows and arrows and then made ready for the attack.

> After a fesive farewell service spurred on by Halin, the departing army complete with the new national lag' designed by Baines and Andersson, began their march to Rehoboth. There they plamed to join forces with the Swartbooi commando, one of their key military supports (another being Andersson's mercenaries from the Cape), and then to attack the Afrikaners and their allies (Lau $1987: 133$ ).

On the 22 nd of June 1864 the forces engaged in battle, from which neither appears to have emerged as victor. The Afrikaners retreated after a day's fighting and Andersson was (quite seriously) wounded.

In the mean time the Rehobothers felt extremely unsafe for having fought against their immediate neighbors and decided to trek en masse to Otjimbingwe. However, just outside Rehoboth they were surprised by an Afrikaner commando (August 1864), had their cattle taken, their wagons burnt and several wounded and killed. Their missionary, Kleinschmidt, and his family walked through the veld for four days to Otjimbingwe; he died a few weeks later from exhaustion. The Rehoboth Swartboois did not regroup until 1867 when they settled at Ameib (Lau 1987:134).

The Beesdamaras (/Herero) appear to have become rather frightened, even intimidated by the confrontation in June and the spectacle of the powerful Rehobothers in retreat. Kamaharero and his followers deserted Otjimbingwe and its surroundings, and all communications between him and the Europeans seem to have broken down towards the end of 1864. When the Rehobothers wished to attack the Afrikaners and their allies once more in November, they failed to convince any of the remaining Otjimbingwe Herero to join them. By late December 1864, all Herero had abandoned Otjimbingwe, and they did not reappear for any positive action in their "war of independence" until the formal 1870 peace conferences (Lau 1987:134). Apparently Andersson, partly due to the injury he sustained in this battle retreated from the scene after this (Lau ed., 1989: 236ff).

According to reports from the missionaries, the Oorlam polities in the south (Gibeon, Bethany, Berseba) now took the field against the Afrikaner alliance. They had not helped them in the war
against Andersson's army, and had made an agreement not to allow any traders from Angra Pequena or the Cape to pass through to replenish the Afrikaners' supplies. (The route to Walvis Bay for commodities still being blocked by remnants of Andersson's forces.) The year is further colored with reports of skirmishes backwards and forth between these parties, from which Kamaharero is conspicuously absent.

The following letters relate further to historical developments.
In letter № 7 (September 8, 1866) to missionary Hahn, Jan Jonker justifies himself about the events of 1863 in the "first war", the battle at Otjimbingwe, where his brother Christian was killed. He further explains his position to Hahn. The facts he relates are quite similar to his narrative of the same events in a subsequent letter, to Cape governor Wodehouse (№ 13, included here, dd. 22 April 1869).

Letter № 8 (November 3,1866), to Willem Swartbooi is written in a supplicating tone. However, it seems to be quite hypocritical, considering the facts presented in history about the Swartboois, (infra), as well as in the light of letter № 9 , included here, written on the same day to missionary Hahn, in which Jan voices his apprehension of his "old father" Willem Swartbooi (cf. footnote 3, p. 190). He again questions the truthfulness and intentions of the missionaries with respect to the future of Namaland.

## Dabes ${ }^{20}$

My dear Mr. Breker, ${ }^{21}$
I write you these few lines to let you know that I have come as far as Dabes. I have heard you have goods to trade and therefore I came this far, to visit your place. I lack, therefore I am pressed for clothing, therefore I come to your place, to trade. Please Sir, let the Damaras know this, so they will not fear me. I did not come to do any mischief. I have come to trade, let this also be known to Daniel C. ${ }^{22}$ I will come to your place tomorrow. Your Damaras need not fear me.

Warm regards to you and your wife,

[^312]I am your friend,
Jan Jonker Africaners
Honorable paramount chief of the Afrikaners

Kubakop, ${ }^{23} 8$ September 1866
The Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I have received your letter and heard your opinion, therefore I make you and Kamaharero this answer. See, Mr. Hahn, I will tell you the truth: the day we made the first war against Otjimbingwe was not my day, ${ }^{24}$ it was Christian's day; that day Christian killed many and many men ${ }^{25}$ were killed. Then on my day I did not wish to spill more blood. Therefore I made peace after the war. But Kamaharero did not hear me. Then I sent my mother, then Kamaharero robbed my mother and killed some of my Damaras. Then I moved away from my settlement, for the sake of peace. But then the war-faring Herero followed me, attacked me and murdered my wife. ${ }^{26}$ Thus, it was not I who has yet waged war against the Damaras, for the sake of peace.

Further I did not get any cattle from Mr. Kleinschmidt ${ }^{27}$ to send to you. I have left the wagons of the old gentleman on the werf but the goods that were in the wagons have been taken apart by the people. All I got were some books, which I will send you.

I am your friend,
Jan John Ker Afrikaner, to Damaraland.
PS. I wish to return to my land, then I will come to you myself, to negotiate peace at your place, to speak to you in person.

[^313] to the Afrikaner settlement and territory of the Red Nation, chief //Oaseb (Lau 1987:29).
${ }^{24}$ Refers to the battle on June 15,1863 in which Jan's brother Christian, then the leader of the Arrikaners got himself killed.
${ }^{25}$ Christian attacked with a commando of 400 to 500 men, losing more than a third: ca. 60 of Irader Andersson's Herero were killed (Lau 1987:129).
${ }^{26}$ Little can be found about Jan's wife (/wives?) or about this incident. Lau (ed., 1989:292) mentions that Jan had married a Mietje Hendrik in December 1842. In a letter to Governor Wodehouse dd. 22 April 1869 (included here. №. 13) he also refers to his wife and children being killed after the Otjimbingwe war. Then again in letter №. 17. (dd. 21.7.1869. included here), he asks Hahn to send his wife sewing matrials, and in letter № 27 (dd. 8.10.1870) hc reports the death of Jacobus Booi (see footnote 4) as his father-in-law.
${ }^{27}$ Probably one of the children of missionary Franz Kieinschmidt who had been established at Rehoboth with the Swartboois. Cf. footnote 6.

Kubakop, ${ }^{28} 3$ November 1866
To Captain Willem Swartbooi, ${ }^{29}$
I write these few lines to you and your son Petrus. ${ }^{30}$ My question is what is the argument. Are you separating from me? Tell me, so that I will know the cause, of what I have done to you. I do not know myself what I have done to you. Neither do I know what you would have done to us, therefore I am not coming to your werf to wage you war. ${ }^{31}$ I have nothing against you for you are of my mother's bloodline. ${ }^{32}$ But I have realized how hypocritical you are. I am asking you this friendly, understand me well. I did not have a teacher at my place, but you had a teacher ${ }^{33}$ at your place. When will your anger lessen and all deceit, hypocrisy, shirtiness and backbiting stop? Further I have to do with Andersson and Kamaharero, since Andersson and Kamaharero came to play into this situation. Tell me, when would I come to your place to wage a war against you or send people to steal your goods? Tell me old Willem, would I send you a letter or a message that you have to help the Damaras? Would I call you up for war? You are a neutral man. What would you have to seek in a war between me and the Damaras, tell me where my blame lies? I did not call you. You went into it yourself, by your own mischievousness. Further, I beg you that we rather make peace, that is my wish, my dear old father. Don't you people also want peace or do you rather wage war? Tell me straight, old father, do you want to make more war or do you want peace? Please, old father, send me a reply posthaste, I aske you kindly.

[^314]Kubakop, ${ }^{34} 3$ November 1866
The Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I received your letter, read it and understood all well. I truly want peace but I hear that old Willem Swartbooi ${ }^{35}$ does not want to make peace before he gets his wagons back., ${ }^{36}$ So you must first talk about peace with old Swartbooi, then I will make peace. I tell you that unless old Willem makes peace I will not make peace. Look, Mr. Hahn, I do not believe old Willem and Kamaharero. When the captains, old Willem and Kamaharero, make like this: they make peace on one side and war on the other side. Therefore I do not trust those two men as captains. Further I ask you, you are a teacher, why don't you come to my settlement, or do you fear me? Tell me, look, Mr. Hahn, I will tell you truly, I do not wish to discuss the peace by correspondence. I wish that we should rather speak about peace in person, then we will understand each other well. That is my wish. I did not have a teacher, therefore I did not make war against old Willem and Kamaharero's settlements, but old Willem and Kamaharero they had a teacher to advise them to spill our blood. Tell me, Mr. Hahn, what does the position entail? Kamaharero had a teacher, old Willem also had a teacher. Why do I get war from teachers? Why don't you make this place right, berore you deprive me? Why don't you watch over your side? Therefore, it seems to me that you, teachers, have not been sent to preach God's word but that you have been sent to advise the Damaras to spill our, Afrikaners' blood. If you want peace then you must come to me yourself. That is my wish. That you and I speak about the peace in person. So far.

## 1867

As a result of the wars in the previous years, at the onset three forces vie for power: the Dorlam Afrikaners, the combined Oorlam chiefs "of the south", and the Damara/Herero, with the missionaries and traders "aiding" either one or other party. It is not very clear who took which position, 1866 seems to have been a time when all concerned were reorientating themselves, which direction would suit their purposes best. The political picture that emerges can be described as a cat and mouse game. Missionary sources characterize the time as turbulent and unstable: "[the situation] gets worse and ever more complicated [...] Almost everywhere quarrels and feuds emerge." (Missionary Weber, quoted in Lau 1987:137).

Earlier, various skirmishes had been going on, chiefly between Jan Jonker and the other Oorlam polities; Jan Jonker's attempts to secure supplies by winning a missionary, then by winning David

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# Christian of Bethany as an ally (to gain access to goods through Angra Pequena), both failed. 

There was a most complicated and continual process of reshuffing of forces, alternating between hostile clashes, reconciliations and attempted alliances, followed by even sharper clashes, creating leaders and sub-leaders almost daily (Lau 1987:137).

Lau (ibid.) recapitulates that the documentary sources then cease to mention a "Herero war", and, that the central region was again safe for Europeans. Both Hahn and Andersson apparently had a sizeable group of 'hunters', based in Ondonga, hunting and trading for them. However, the power battles between the Namaland chiefs went on in full. Missionary Weber spoke of the 'boring war' in Namaland, which focused only on cattle. However, the conflicts were also violent. Missionary Vollmer, (with the Red Nation, chief //Oaseb (Comelius)) became one of the casualties.

In 1867, //Oaseb and his men were compelled to take flight after a skirmish with a combined Gibeon and Berseba commando (the southern captains). The latter pursued them and at a place near Rehoboth managed to overwhelm //Oaseb's commando so conclusively that they were able to take "all the cattle, sheep and goats; wagons and domestic utensils". //Oaseb died very shortly afterwards, and his son Barnabas began to sue for peace. Although Bamabas agreed to a "peace treaty" with the southern captains, he rejoined the Afrikaners' forces. Jan Jonker, having apparently recovered, attacked Otimbingwe on December 13, 1867, together with his allies. As Hahn noted, they had clearly been supported by "many from the South [pro-Afrikaner people from Bethany, Berseba and Gibeon] because the Red Nation, Jan Afrikaner and Jan Boois could not lead such a number of people into the field" (Lau ibid.).

They were fairly successful and Hahn claimed they had poisoned their bullets. After dusk they went to Anawood, near Otjimbingwe, rested, providing themselves well with cattle and 30 bushels of wheat stored there for the missionary household. A large part of the captured cattle were sent to Barnabas' cattle posts. A few days later, on 22 December 1867, a commando from Otjimbingwe surprised Jan Jonker and his men at Anawood. They were entirely defeated, in what Hahn himself called a "bloodbath". This, incredible as it may seem, was missionary Hahn's own doing, about which he, moreover, boasted to his Society:

> Nobody would have undertaken anything against the Namaquas if Green and I had not requested the young men [at Otimbingwe] to do so. Independent of the frightened chiefs, about 800 started for Anawood and initiated the massacre (Lau 1987:139).

He explained that the Herero chiefs nearby, Maharero and Zeraua, had been demoralized, anxious and surprised that the Afrikaners were still able to almost take Otimbingwe. They were not at all prepared to pursue the attackers.

The first letter from Jan, № 10 written January 11, 1867, to Hahn bears a threatening tone. Yet, it also shows his insecurity towards Hahn: should he proceed and attack, or stay loyal to his 'teacher'. As Jan conveys it himself, the overruling factor is his gratefulness to Hahn for teaching him to read and write. Between the lines, one can read, actually against his better judgement.

Ten months later (letter $\mathrm{N}^{3} 11$, dd. 2 October 1867 ) he seems to have become intensely worried about Hahn's intent and motives. The letter has an angry tone: after three lines Jan signs off, then in a PS follows an inquiry, whether or not he can continue to retain his trust in Hahn. He accuses Hahn of posing as the captain of Otimbingwe.

Acting according to the warning in the letters, Jan attacked Otjimbingwe in December that year.
[Appendix I, Section A, In. 300-395]
Zaogab, ${ }^{37} 11$ January 1867
The Honorable Mr. Habn,
I have received your answer and I have understood everything well. It is getting late now because of your friend's ${ }^{38}$ doings. Therefore I write you this letter, to inform you and to induce you to make arrangements to leave your place, if you want to retain your place. That is my wish. You and Mrs. Kleinschmidt, ${ }^{39}$ Daniel ${ }^{40}$ and Samuel Gertze. ${ }^{41}$ So that I will not get the blame if something would happen to you one day. I don't need it to have your blood spilled. Therefore I wrote Daniel that letter, to let you know what my intentions are. Why don't you stay away from the war with the Damaras? Stay away until the war is finished. I am giving you this privilege this time, but if you do not stay away from the Damaras this time, the next time, I will not make any discrimination. Look, it is not just today that I have written letters to you, teachers, or all other peace-loving people. You must stay away from the Damaras and from Otimbingwe so that I will know who are peace-loving people and who are not peace-loving people. Look, my dear friend, I did not aspire to touch your house, but when we fight, and if you have not gone to another place, then this time I will certainly

[^316]have your house burnt down. Then you must not blame me, that I an telling you. Further, you must not write me any peace-letters again. Look, it is not only just today that we agreed upon peace, but the Damaras are not disturbed by our peace, they carry on with war. Look, we agree on peace on the one side, the Damaras carry on murdering our people and shooting our possessions while we are at peace. How can we believe in this peace? It seems to me at a time, on the one hand the Damaras had fire, you on the other hand had cold water to kill the fire. Therefore I do not believe in peace-letters anymore. You say that it was not Andersson ${ }^{42}$ who started the rebellion. I will have to find out, but that is not true. I know that Andersson and you started the rebellion. I heard it from the late Phillipus, ${ }^{43}$ before he died and also from Kamaharero and from all the other Damaras. Look, my dear teacher, because of your letter, old Willem Swartbooi shot up my werf, I know that too but therefore I do not side with them. Why don't you stay away from the war? I see, for you have given the Damaras this advice, therefore you don't stay away from the war. Wasn't it you who sent for the war which killed the late old Amraal Lambert's wife ${ }^{44}$ and children? Therefore Andersson is still innocent even today. Andersson will not wage war against my settlement, shoot down my werf. Therefore Andersson causes rebellion amongst the Damaras. Everyone who says so, says it is the advice of old Mr. Hahn, and that it is Andersson who has been killing us, that's what the Damaras tell us all.

I can see now that it truly was on your advice, that the Damaras started this rebellion. You have dug us a big hole and we, who fight, must stay in it, that I have seen with my own eyes. I have other teachers now, Mr. Krönlein ${ }^{45}$ and Mr. Kreft. ${ }^{46}$ The Society sent you, Hahn, to unite the Damaras to spill our blood over our land, and you were not sent to preach God's word. See my dear old teacher, I was in your school and by your lessons I have written this letter today myself. Therefore I do not need to spill your blood. Therefore I plead with you again this time: dear Hahn, leave Otjimbingwe or the fighting must take place in different place than where you live. If you don't leave, then write me soonest a return answer, please. I beg you kindest. You say the Damaras started out that day in order to become a free nation, but why would the Damaras not live quietly in a free country? When will the Damaras stop stealing our animals? You are the chief of the Damaras, aren't you? You stand amongst the Damaras to preach God's word, don't you? But I see now that you have been amongst them to give them gunpowder to destroy and kill the Red people ${ }^{47}$ so you will obtain

[^317] (continued...)
the land. I give my best compliments to you and all the christian people in Otjimbingwe.
I remain, your friend,
K J Jonker Afrikaner.

Zaogab, ${ }^{48}$ October 2, 1867.
The Honorable Mr. Hahn,
It has been a long time since I've received a letter from you, neither did I hear whether you are still my friend or not my friend. I heard you are not my friend anymore. Well, my warm regards to you, your wife and children and also to Mrs. Kleinschmidt and her daughters.

I make you this letter to ask you, asking is free, therefore. I have heard now that you have brought many white people to Otjimbingwe. I am not sure if that is true or not true, but therefore I ask; for also I hear and I have heard, that you are no longer the teacher but that you are the captain of Otjimbingwe. That therefore, you are gathering white people in Otjimbingwe, as if it were your settlement. See, worthy Mister, you are the teacher from Barmen, ${ }^{49}$ that we all know. Who gave you Otjimbingwe? Who has given you the freedom to become captain of Otjimbingwe? To introduce strangers to that place? Did I not give you this? Answer me, hurriedly, please. See, my dear Sir, you know that it is a place that we have even argued about. Will you let that be known to the strangers? You know I have never given any place to anyone ever, nor sold one. And what says Kamaharero to me? Will he make peace or will he not make peace?

[^318]The Herero chiefs and commoners who in the years between 1865-1867 had returned to live around Otjimbingwe, again started to abandon it during the year of 1868 . The cause of this is not made clear. ${ }^{50}$ At about the same time, rumors spread that the Afrikaners had raised yet another commando and collected around Rehoboth. Without any Herero protection, the Europeans at Otjimbingwe felt more threatened than ever. Petitions were sent to the Cape and to London, (even to the King of Prussia) for assistance. An English warship was sent from the Cape to be stationed at Walvis Bay. However, Otjimbingwe was not attacked.

Concerning the question of who had the strategic upper hand, the tables seem to have turned yet again. In letter $\mathbb{N}^{2} 12$, from September 1868 , Jan seems to be reorganizing himself. He calls on Hahn with a shopping list for goods which he wants, on credit, and seems quite laconic about hearing that a battleship to fight him and his close allies, was stationed in Walvis Bay.

Jan remarks how fortunate Hahn should consider himself with the Beesdamaras still living near his settlement. Nevertheless, a little later in the year a large number of Herero and their herds began to concentrate around Okahandja, Kamaharero's and Jonker's old headquarters. Towards the end of 1868 , it was said that the Afrikaner commando was preparing a raid, but that the chiefs at Okahandja were forewarned in time by Hahn, and that the Afrikaner commando was again defeated. Their escape meant that they had to abandon most of their possessions (Lau ed., 1987:140). Ensuing these events the road to a regte vrede (real peace) is pursued with more diligence, as we will see in the letters from the year 1869 .

September 27, 1868.
The Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I write you this letter on account of my nakedness. I wish to come to you but my dear, I am very naked, as naked as a small child. Therefore I write you this letter to ask for clothes. Dear Sir, send me four jackets and six shirts and also two rolls of tobacco in answer to this letter, and also a hat. On credit if you can, dear Sir, I am not yet capable to pay for so many goods. See, dear Sir, I still have your cart and your oxen but I haven't had time yet to deliver the cart and the oxen. I want to keep the cart until we meet. I am still in good health by God's grace. How is the prosperity of Otjimbingwe. Or do you do poorly on your farm?

[^319]You fare well, for the Damaras are still with you; ${ }^{51}$ for the Damaras still do not want to make peace with me. How are my friends Daniel ${ }^{52}$ and Samuel ${ }^{53}$ faring? That you must also let me know. What says Kamaharero to me, will he make peace with me or not make peace with me.

Further, I have also heard that an English warship has come to Walvis Bay ${ }^{54}$ to shoot me, Barnabas ${ }^{55}$ and my father-in-law Jacobus Booij. ${ }^{56}$ Is that true or not true? I leave my best compliments to you and everyone.

I am your friend,
Captain J. Jonker Afrikaner

1869
Events this year cover the lead-up to the 1870-peace treaties with Kamaharero. Details about this period in time in Namaland are scarce. The last entry in the historiography by Lau (1987) is about Jan's well-being after his defeat at the end of 1868 (see introduction to 1868). Nevertheless subsequently Jan is writing prolifically and from nearly every month in 1869 a letter has survived ${ }^{57}$

In the first letter (№ 13) addressed to Governor Wodehouse in Cape Town, (kept in the Cape Archives ${ }^{58}$ ), Jan retells what has been going on previously, the facts coincide with the narrative as told

[^320]in his letter to Hahn from September, 1866 ( ${ }^{\circ} 97$ included here). It adds that he is very unhappy with the German missionaries, for "they involve themselves in trade and politics instead of preaching God's word". In the last paragraph he clearly states his preferences for communications in the Dutch language with the (English) Cape authorities. The report in letter № 14, addressed to Hahn, expresses Jan's concern about white people moving in with Hahn and them freely travelling around the country. Letter $\mathcal{N}^{2} 15$ shows the difficulties concerning the organization of the peace negotiations, specifically how badly these are hampered by lack of communication. Likewise, in letter №16 Jan denies accusations going around, that he is to blame for the unrest, and again he complains about the movement of whites around the country, under the pretext concern about their safety while the war is still going on. He stresses the fact that peace is wanted. Letter $\mathrm{N}^{2} 17$ qualifies the peace he envisions a little further and he speaks of his mistrust in his opponent Kamaharero.

Letter № 18 is diplomatic in tone. He claims that neither he nor any of his people are doing anything wrong; it is all the others that keep on breaking, robbing and shooting. He also forwards Hahn some detective work he has done, on who the culprits may have been. He gives his consent to certain movements of white newcomers, on condition that they will not deal with his enemy, the Beesdamaras (Kamaharero). This brings us till September 1869, when we learn in letter $N^{2} 19$ that Jan has actually travelled close up to Habn's settlement, to initiate the peace negotiations. Letter № 20 complains about the atrocities Kamaharero is still committing and it makes mention of the leaders of the various Nama polities coming together to establish the peace. Letter № 21 again reports on the organization of the peace negotiations and he speculates on the intentions of the different chiefs. Letter №. 22 further elaborates on the prospects.

The content of his missives continues in the same vein in the first months of 1870.
[Appendix I, Section A, In. 471-584]
Kobus, ${ }^{59}$ Great Namaqualand April 22, 1869
To Mr. Wodehouse, ${ }^{60}$
Ihave the honor to let you know that I received your letter dated 11th of January 1869. You say that you heard that in the month of March 1865 , a certain elephant hunter was deprived of his

[^321]${ }^{59}$ Lau ed., 1984-1985:1270 indexes Kobis, "correctly spelt /Khobes, also/Kobis, Gobis"; Lau ed., 1989:305, lists Kobus, "on old maps but not traced otherwise". Heywood and Maasdorp 1995:248, make note of it under Dirk van Wyk as a farm, named Kobus near Hoornkrans. There are three letters from Jan, from April, May and June 1869 dated from this place.

[^322]goods, amounting to a large sum of money by Samuel, ${ }^{61}$ one of my captains. Further, that this Samuel in the month of May 1866, robbed three other white people, took their wagon, horses, guns and clothing and left them in terrible circumstances, a full 300 miles from any settlement or station, while one of them was wounded. Further, that in the same month, Samuel's people molested another trader, who had to flee but lost 6 people. In answer to this, I must let you know that Samuel is not one of my captains, and further, that I have not seen him nor have anything to do with him. This Samuel was given the freedom to go and to work for himself by my father in the year 1855. He then went to Ovamboland ${ }^{62}$ with his wife and children, so you can not hold me responsible for his actions.

About Green and Andersson, ${ }^{63}$ I must let Your Excellency know that my people did not steal their oxen; but why would they come to my settlement to molest anyone? I still have a lot to learn. After the first war with the Damaras in Otjimbingwe, Green, Dick Haybittle, Harry Haybittle ${ }^{64}$ and Jonathan ${ }^{65}$ came. They killed my wife, ${ }^{66}$ little daughter and three other women. Jonathan drove all my cattle away. I pursued them to get my cattle back and then Jonathan was killed, but I had already left the previous day with the oxen which I had taken from Jonathan. After this had happened, I heard that there were two white people on the mountain. Then I sent for them to come down and I gave them a sheep and send them away because I could never make war with white people. I think that Haybittle will be able to ascertain the truth of this. After this, Andersson and Green came to my village and shot eight of my people, burnt my wagons and drove my cattle and sheep away, besides killing two women of my werf that same day. And I am not talking about the incident of the trader that was taken and whose goods were stolen. About Charles Collins. ${ }^{67}$ it is not just that I should bear the blame of other people, for the Red Nation has nothing to do with me.

Further I must let Your Excellency know that my father was always a friend to the whites. Likewise, as then, I am the same and I believe that all the people who know me will be able to convince you that that is the truth. Otjimbingwe was my father's place. After his death my elder brother was the captain and now that he has died I am the captain. I, J., would be very happy if there

[^323]${ }^{65}$ Apparently a native of Malagasy [Madagascar], in Andersson's employ. He and his family were killed by the Afrikaners in May 1864 (Lau ed.,1989:303). Lau reports that Jan Jonker claimed it to be an acciden. A letter from Green to Andersson dated 12 May 1864, communicates: "Your friend, or rather our friend, Jan Jonker sent a letter to Bassingthwaighte to say it was not with his consent that Jonathan's wife and children were killed. The scoundrel was actually present at the time." (Lau ed., 1989:196).
${ }^{60}$ Cf. footnote 26.
${ }^{67}$ Could not be traced.
was peace in my country but I must get my place back and then I will be satisfied. A long time ago my father and all of us have requested a missionary, but, it must be an Englishman and not a German, because it is impossible for a teacher to teach when he likes trade better than the bible. Therefore I do not want to accept any of those teachers. You must remove these teachers from my land. I and the teacher are not in agreement about the responsibilities of the teachers. I am always friendly and I have peace with the teachers but now I have found out that they have insulted my name and put all the blame on me. Governor, it were all other people which were at war with me. And they also say that we enslaved the Damaras, but that is not true, what they say. See, the Damaras, which were a nation, made peace with my father. Thus the Damaras stand underneath us as much as we stand underneath the Damaras, for we are two, peace-loving nations. When something befalls the Damaras we help them; if something befalls us the Damaras help us. That is how it was, not slavery. Then, teacher Hahn gave the Damaras advice: that the Damaras should stand up and fight us, drive us away and that they then would own the land. That is the advice he gave, that is how the war between us started, because of the advice of the teacher.

You say, Willem Swartbooi is always so friendly and peaceful with all the whites, the teachers, the traders and also the Damaras. Why then has Swartbooi taken all the goods from one of the traders, John Smit, ${ }^{68}$ his gunpowder and lead and his clothes? Why did Swartbooi shoot Frans Biesenther's ${ }^{69}$ valuables, horse and cattle off? That is also a white man. Why has Swartbooi now split up with the Damaras and did he shoot three of their cattle dead? Is that friendly? Also then Jacobus Booi supposedly stole wagons and oxen from white people, but I was not there and Jacobus Booi always hears that Damaras and whites shoot together. Jacobus Booi came to me to help me, then he heard about wagons of white people and he sent some men to meet with these people to ask whose wagon it was. Those men did the evil, but he was not with them.

Further I want to ask you kindly that when you receive a letter from Damaraland or Great Namaqualand which bears my name on it, then you always must confirm this. When you write me a letter then you must write in Dutch, so I can understand it, this I ask you. Sir, please be so kind to send me my newspaper printed in Dutch. Then I can learn everything, who is bringing my name into ill repute. I wish that the traders that come to my land do not do so on their own esteem. They must come to me and then I will look after them and help them if something would befall them. That is my wish. I will help those, who are mine.

I have the honor to remain, Your Excellency, JJA

[^324]Kobus, ${ }^{70}$ May 17
The Honorable Mr. Hahn,
Well, I write you this letter to ask you whether it is true. We heard from the Bergdamaras that many white people have arrived in Otjimbingwe. Now I do not know whether they are teachers or traders or hunters. I was always friendly to white people, but now I have found out that all the white people defame my name, as I have also understood from a letter from the Governor ${ }^{71}$ and that everyone is putting the blame on me. Thus I have nothing with you people anymore, neither peace nor friendship. This I tell you, my dear Hahn. I will not permit any of the teachers or hunters to pass through Ovamboland ${ }^{72}$ without asking me permission. I will not allow it, while you are still staying at Otjimbingwe. I will not allow anymore that the teachers stay together in my father's country. So, when you receive this letter, you must vacate the place. If you do not leave the place, then, even though you are a teacher, I will evict you from the place. Further, I am telling you also that I will not allow any teachers to go to Ovamboland without me giving the teachers permission. So many people have already been killed because of the teachers' meddling. I wish that if white people come there, then they will have to give me a letter, before they go to Otimbingwe. All the teachers, all the hunters and all the traders too. That is my wish. So far.

I am the paramount chief of Damaraland.
Captain J. Joker Afrikaner
PS. If you want to send me a reply then you must write me your answer hurriedly, I ask you friendly.
[?..], who do not want peace according to the full rights, we have to do that way. So are my thoughts and desires. I always come to Otjimbingwe, I have peace with the people, always. And they also want peace with me, always. But because of Kamaharero they do not want to have peace with me, therefore Atsàb's people do not have a very good peace with me. Therefore Paul ${ }^{73}$ sent me the

[^325]message. Thus, Sir, you must ..., if Paul inquires for which reason he sent me such a message, [(to) say?] that I would have fled to the Groot Rivier. ${ }^{74}$ And I will negotiate peace with you and Kamaharero but not with the citizens. So I end my letter and send you, and all friends and all the teachers and all the ladies, my best compliments.

I am your friend,
Captain JJonker Afrikaner.
[Appendix I, Section B, In. 69-160]
Kobus, ${ }^{75}$ June 10, 1869
To the Honorable Mr. Hahn,
Yesterday I received your letter and understood all you wrote me well. You ask me to write you an answer. I'll write you an answer in return, dear Sir, but I am not sure what I shall answer you. I am still at peace with you and friends with all the white people, just like in former days. That is why I always write you letters to ask you what is going on when I hear something from your side. I heard Mr. Brincker ${ }^{76}$ wants to move to Barmen. ${ }^{77}$ That would be fine with me, if he came to live in Barmen, but at this time, if he would go to Barmen then the Damaras will move to Barmen too. That I do not need at all. Also, at the moment the Topnaars ${ }^{73}$ are there. What if Mr. Brincker goes to Barmen and later on the oxen and cattle of the Topnaars will get stolen? Thus, at this time I will not permit him to move to Barmen. The Damaras are still close, so please Sir, have patience, let the Damaras move far away from that part of the land. That is my wish. I wish you people should stay one side until the country totally comes to peace. Why do you people, teachers not stay away from the battle grounds? Why do you people, teachers, always follow us to the battle grounds? See, my dear Sir, because I am still friendly to you, therefore I say to you, you must stay away from the Damaras. Why don't you listen to my advice? It is not just today that I have told you this: stay away from the battle grounds! But not once did you do as I tell you. Therefore I think you are rather one of my enemies. Therefore I believe it when people tell me you have slandered my name. Even today you say that I did not do any good.

[^326]Who was the first man to break the peace after my father died? Was that I or was that not Kamaharero who did that, or do I get the blame? How many times did I ask Kamaharero for peace after that first war of Otimbingwe? Will you still insist I did wrong for I did not ask Kamaharero for peace? How do you know, for how many years I have asked and pleaded with David Christian ${ }^{79}$ and Paul Goliath ${ }^{80}$ for peace? But one day, one year you will see these two captains rise and come here to speak about peace between the Damaras and me. If they are true captains then they will raise the issue and address the evil that is taking place. Stay aloof; the true captains, who have not fulfilled their duties, those captains will rise. Now I hear that Paul Goliath has died of the chickenpox.

Further you ask me that I must give you an answer about letting the teachers go to Ovamboland ${ }^{81}$ See, my dear Sir, I do not prevent the spreading of God's word but I have now heard that the Kaffers ${ }^{82}$ are also moving to Ovamboland and the Damaras as well. It seems to me that all the black nations are coming together on one side and all the Red Nations ${ }^{83}$ also, all on one side. Then the fighting in Ovamboland will worsen. Therefore, at the moment I will not permit the teachers to go there. Why do you always send teachers to the places of war? When one day the teacher falls in a battle, what will you say? Or will I not be blamed for it by you? Therefore I do not want to permit any teachers to move there. The Ovambo is also a nation, which was at peace under my father's rule. When you get there now, then later on they will say that we, the Red Nations enslaved the Ovambo. That is the reason why I fight with the Damaras today.

Well, dear Sir, you said that I did not take your advice, that is true. I did not listen to your advice. I will listen this time and I give you now this assistance, so that I will see if I get the truth. And I ask you kindly, I send you now to Kamaharero, you will not delay when you receive this letter. Get up and take the trouble and go ask Kamaharero for peace with me and ask him to return me my lifetime possessions, so that I get my goods back That you must do, my dear Sir. I want my possessions back in your hands, I ask you, dear Sir. If I get my goods back then I will be grateful for your trouble, by God's will.

So, I give you and all the women and your children my best compliments, as well as all the teachers who are there.

Your friend, Captain J. Jonker Africaner.

[^327]I now have arrived on the same place, at Naposib. ${ }^{84}$

To the Honorable Mr. Hahn,
21 July, 1869
Ireceived the letter which you sent on the 5 th of July, on the 20 th of July. I appreciated all, just as you write it. See, dear Sir, Ido not attempt to make peace with the Damaras and the Damaras have not defeated me yet. I do not see how Kamaharero would have subdued me yet. Thus, I am still haughty about making peace with the Damaras. But all the people have advised me to make peace, now for years already. That is the reason that I have lost my faith in the words of the people. You also say, for years already, that I must make peace, for you understand Kamaharero well and that Kamaharero is at peace with me or has a good heart towards me. Therefore you always say I must make peace and all the other captains say the same: I must make peace with the Damaras; D.Christian, P. Goliath en K.Witbooi ${ }^{85}$ and also the governor. ${ }^{86}$ Therefore I make this peace. I had thought that it is something that the people gave me, therefore I make this peace with my whole big heart. Why does Kamaharero fear me when I make peace? Why did Kamaharero not believe my words? When did I write Kamaharero a deceitful letter of peace, with words that he could not believe? When did Kamaharero write a letter of peace to me or about people who did not believe my word? When did Kamaharero send me people wanting to make peace? Have I killed those people? Through those people Kamaharero did not believe my words of peace.

See, dear Sir, when I make peace, I do not want peace in order to be subjected to the Damaras, to become the Damaras' servant. When I make peace, I want to become alive in this peace as well as the women and children. Therefore I have given you this service in your hands to get me peace and truth.

See, dear Sir, the day the Damaras went out, they went out under the pretext of founding their own nation. Why do the Damaras need to gain the land where they live? Why do they not stay on their land, as I in my land? I think thus: the time to sow is coming close. This year I also want to sow on Zanjoo-place. ${ }^{87}$ That is my wish. But now the Damaras have moved in there, near my place. Those are the things about which we speak peace on the one side, then again make war on the other side. I ask you kindly, dear Sir, tell Kamaharero, let Kamaharero take the Damaras away from my land, so that I will have to do no evil towards my land. Tell Kamaharero that Kamaharero must gather all his people in one place. He is the chief of all the Damaras. I make peace, do not let the peace, which

[^328]we have negotiated wither. That is my wish. I do not grant the Damaras the Swakop River ${ }^{88}$ from Otjimbingwe until Windhoek. They wanted to go there; but they must stay away from Rabur ${ }^{89}$ so that we do not stay close to each other. Then we, Red Nations ${ }^{90}$ will have a clear way to come to you. You, teachers, keep the Damaras on the other side, so that we get way, then I or my people will come to you. If we, Red People, perhaps encounter the Damaras before we come to you then there will be no trust in each other. Let the Damaras come to the other side and we come to this side, then we meet each other on your werf. That is my wish, dear Sir.

See, dear Sir, long time ago I have sent a messenger to Hendrik Afrikaner ${ }^{91}$ to get [?] the tools returned, but I have not received anything, so I do not know whether I still have the tools or not. I am willing to return the tools but I have not received anything yet.

Further, if Mr. Brincker ${ }^{92}$ still wants to move to Barmen ${ }^{93}$ tell him that he can move. He and Daniel Cloete. ${ }^{94}$ When they come to Barmen, they must not stay together with the Beesdamaras ${ }^{95}$ in Barmen, they must promise me that first, then I will allow them. If there are no people to help Mr. Brincker, there are a lot of Bergdamaras ${ }^{96}$ (not Kaalbeesdamaras ${ }^{97}$ ) to help.

1 end with my warm regards from all of us to all of you teacher, ladies and children.
I am your friend,
${ }^{88}$ Starts 100 km . north of Windhoek, flows through Otimbingwe to Swakoprnund.
${ }^{89}$ Not traced in this spelling.
${ }^{90}$ See footnote 47.
${ }^{91}$ Evidently fairly highly-placed member of the Oorlam Afrikaners but no further details traced (Lau ed., 1989:292).
${ }^{92}$ See footnote 21 .
${ }^{92}$ See footnote 49.
${ }^{94}$ See footnote 40.
${ }^{95}$ Kamaharero's people, see Volume I, Chapter Three, § 3.1.2.
${ }^{96}$ Tribes that adhered to Jan Jonker, see Volume I, Chapter Three, § 3.1.2.
${ }^{97}$ This further differentiation for the Damara tribes is not clear. Nienaber (1989) does not mention this as a particular tribe either. It is possible he refers to the Ovatimbas, described by Lau (1987:109): "It appears that the two earliest Herero Mission stations, Otikango [Neu-Barmen, see footnote 21) and Otjimbingwe [see footnote 12], were almost entirely inhabited by [..] "the remnants of tribes formerly destroyed or broken up and plundered by Kamaharero himself, while fighting on his own account, or in the ranks of the late Jonker Afrikaner" [quoting Chapman, CA GH 19/10. 'Memo', anno 1865]. They were the so called Ovatjimbas, which means people straggling for their livelihood, without cattle and without a supportive kin network [...]; with Jonker's [Jan Jonker's father] and Tjamuaha's [Herero chieff consent they were provided with places where they could subsist without cattle herds: Otjikango or Otjimbingwe." (Lau ed., 1984-1985:1285, mentions these people named Ovanjake, translated to the same meaning as above.)

PS Kindly I ask you further, if you can, that I hope, that you will send me, and also that your wife will send my wife, ${ }^{98}$ namely, tobacco and writing ink and a dozen paper and tea and coffee and your wife to my wife a paper needles and a thimble and four rolls of white cotton. Id not know how much it is, and what I still owe you for other clothing.
[Appendix I, Section B, ln. 259-360]
18 August 1869
Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I write you this letter to let you know, dear Sir, that I remain in peace with you and your people. But it seems that your people are not at peace and friendship with me and my people. You say that the Damaras, who were with you, did not do me nor my people any ill, but now I have heard that your wagon driver Willem has taken away my people's firearms and robbed them, and tried to kill them on Petrus Cloete's ${ }^{99}$ werf. The Lord God has saved them, though. That is what your people have done now. That I let you know, my dear Sir. So, dear Sir, you must return me the eight firearms with the carriers of this letter. [**] I ask you kindly. I did not want to seem in need of work in this time of peace. Further I have investigated which people were always stealing your cattle. I found out which Topnaar ${ }^{100}$ tribe stole Mrs. Kleinschmidt's cattle. They were Abram's ${ }^{101}$ people who came from Bokberg, ${ }^{102}$ they were not my people. And last year they stole Samuel Gertze's ${ }^{103}$ cattle and animals, which were also the people of that Topnaar captain, those that came from Bokberg. They were not my children's people. That is what I found out. I wonder if I may punish the people of other captains or will I be found guilty if I punish the people of other captains? Thus, dear Sir, when you receive my

[^329]letter you must write a letter to Abraham Swartbooi ${ }^{104}$ and to the Topnaar captain: that they remove their people, away from my children. That I ask you, dear Sir. One is Piet Broekeros ${ }^{105}$ and one is Tilo Topnaar. And the people who are passing now to Bokberg are not my people, they are Barnabas ${ }^{106}$ people. But they left without letting their captain, Bamabas or me know. Thus you must not believe such scoundrels, it is those people who have spread lies around. Therefore I write you this letter, to let you know this. And the Bergdamaras who always bring you my messages, you must not believe them either. Did I send people to you to steal your animals? That is not true. If one day, Damaras who come from my house, if they bring such a message again, ask them if it was on my werf or whether they came from my house, and heard it from me. Then you will learn that the Damaras spread lies around. See, my dear Sir, tell your people that they must not fear if they meet my people on the road. Let it not again be between your people and my people. I was thinking you rather give the Damaras and the Kaffers ${ }^{107}$ who were with you, to Kamaharero; get them away from Otjimbingwe. That would be better for me, and when a ship arrives, and you need people for transporting then you must rather ask my people or Abraham Swartbooi's people or Cloete's here, for transporting. Not the Damaras. So that all may be well between you and me, that is my wish, dear Sir. I wish my own, Red People would bring this letter but I still fear your people, teacher. Why don't your people stay away from the war? You talk so well, but why don't your people stay away from trouble? Therefore I fear to come to you, or for my people to go there.

Regards to you and all friends who live there with you.
I am your friend,

Captain Jahn Joker Afrikaner

[^330]Remhoogte, ${ }^{108} 9$ September 1869
The very Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I received the letter you wrote on the 14th of August so late on my place at Warmwater. ${ }^{109}$ I was clearing the ground to start a garden and then I received the letter. Then I travelled from there to here. Therefore I write you this letter, to let you know my horses' feet are sore and also that they are weak from the trip up here, but at least I have made it as far as Remhoogte. Now, Sir, you must do your duty and come here too, so we can see each other, I pray you. I have no food to strengthen my existence, nor any means to shoot, gunpowder or lead. Neither shells to shoot for food, while camping here for so many days. Thus, I await you soonest. When you receive this letter, you must not delay, I ask you. When you, Sir, leave for here, you, Sir, must see to it, to please help me out with shooting materials, if you could help me. When you, Sir, come here, you must, Sir, also bring tobacco and some animals for the slaughter. The tobacco that you, Sir, sent me, was taken away from the Bergdamaras by the Topnaars along the road. Now I cannot get any tobacco, but I will punish those Topnaars when I return. Maybe the Bergdamaras will bring you lies, such, that I came with a commando, but you must not believe them. I came with six to eight men and 24 Bergdamaras.

I give you best compliments to you, and all the people who are with you.

## K.J. Jonker Afrikaner

PS. I pray you kindly, when you, Sir, come here, bring me pumpkin pips and watermelon pips, sweet melon pips and corn seed, as well as sweet-reed and tobacco seed. I ask you kindly.

[^331]OEAS ${ }^{110} 30.10 .1869$
To the Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I write you this letter to let you know about the things I have seen here, dear Sir, as well as about the deeds of the Damaras. The first time, on September 10th, the Damaras came over here and attacked the Basters. ${ }^{11}$ However, by the grace of God all the Basters got away that time. That is what I have heard; and that they lost a horse and a saddle and a double barrel gun and that they harassed them with about five shots. The Bergdamaras only lost their wives and children and a Bushman. ${ }^{12}$ Then, two days later the Damaras came over again and they murdered a whole settlement of Bergdamaras. Now the Damaras have come over for the third time, on the fourth of October and killed three of my Topnaar ${ }^{113}$ people while they were hunting ostriches. That is also what I have found out. That is how the Damaras behave in this time of peace. Now, Sir, please talk to Kamaharero that he talks to his people and also prohibits them to hunt overhere. Besides this, he must tell the Herero people that they must not kill my people every day as in former days, in this time of peace. Kamaharero must not condone that, is my kind request to you, dear Sir. I have not changed my mind. I still keep my word, as I gave you and all the people: I will make peace, that is everything I want. I first want to accommodate the peace, that is my only wish. So, dear Sir, you must not believe backstabbers who tell stories. Further, I can let you know that the captains of Namaqualand have come to Rehoboth. Jacobus Izaak ${ }^{114}$ is also in Rehoboth as well as the others. Captain David Christian ${ }^{115}$ is still behind; we are still waiting for David Christian so that all the captains may come together. So you mustn't expect us too soon, dear Sir.

I give you and all the friends in Otjimbingwe my best compliments.
I am your loving friend, Captain J Jonker Afrikaner

[^332]Oaes, November 27, 1869.
To the Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I received a letter from David Christian. ${ }^{116}$ I am still waiting for the arrival of the captain. He says that I must wait for him, therefore I am still waiting. I wished that all the captains had to come to establish this peace, then they could also see who the offenders against the Damaras are; that is my big wish. So you must not expect me too soon, my dear Sir, although I will have to come to you, though I do not know how I will manage. I have to attend to the peace in person. I received Jacobus lzaak ${ }^{117}$ here on my werf and I heard that old Jacobus Izaak intends to make an equitable peace through Christ's will. Small Kido ${ }^{118}$ also passed by, also to bring about this same peace, but he went on to Kamaharero without seeing me, without hearing my opinion. Thus I do not know what kind of peace small Kido has in mind, whether it is an equitable peace or an inequitable peace. I do not know Kido's position. Thus, dear Sir, you must not believe everything, but first ask me. Saul ${ }^{119}$ also went on without stopping by me. Further I ask how it can be that I have not received any letters from you, nor have I heard how you are faring, or what kind of news you have, or what the people tell about me, behind my back. My dear Sir, you must answer me soonest, I ask you kindly. With my best compliments to you, your wife and your daughter Margarita and all the teachers who stay at Otjimbingwe.

I am your friend, J Jonker Afrikaner

PS. I have heard that old Petrus ${ }^{120}$ has died.

[^333]Zoreseb, ${ }^{121} 19$ December 1869
To the Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I write you these few lines to inform you and to inquire. You have asked me to go to the place where Jacobus Izaak ${ }^{122}$ tarries and then to hastily hurry to Otjimbingwe. But Jacobus Izaak has gone home again, Theard, by word from Kamaharero; Kamaharero had told this to old Jacob Vleermuis. ${ }^{123}$ Kamaharero's word is not ...
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...let him wait for me in Otjimbingwe because I will have to come down, if I have understood everything well. Then, the men of the Veldschoendragers, ${ }^{124}$ they have come up to shoot the animals
of the Damaras. They do not want peace with the Damaras, therefore they have come up to get the animals. That is the reason. With my best compliments to all.

I am your loving friend,
Captain
J. Jonker Afrikaner *

A major event of 1870 was the signing of the peace treaty with Kamaharero. Nevertheless, in the present letters nothing is specifically mentioned about this.

The first three letters, written in January, February and April, continue much in the same tone on the same subject as the letters from 1869: deliberations of the arrangements in anticipation of a peace treaty with Kamaharero. Jan Jonker dutifully reports to Hahn about the atrocities Kamaharero's

[^334]people committed and his own non-involvement in his subordinates going out stealing.
From the historiography by Lau (1987), about the peace conferences, we learn that on May 17, 1870 Jan Jonker unexpectedly arrived at Okahandja to meet Kamaharero and other Herero chiefs. He came there with missionary Diehl, Brincker and Irle. Whether Hahn knew about this is not clear. However, the chiefs came to an agreement, renewed their alliances and Jan Jonker was proclaimed as Kamaharero's co-regent, which Lau (1987:140) characterizes as a diplomatic description of Jan's subordinate position. Then,
shortly after this treaty was concluded, Hahn arrived at Okahandja and started to negotiate a different treaty between the chicfs, pressing a strong formulation of the Afrkaners' loss of power and rights. This treaty, concluded in September 1870 stated: "that Kaptein Jan Jonker Afrikaner has obtained no rights whatsoever to interfere or meddle with the affairs of the Herero people or their land, nor with foreigners living or travelling among them (Lau:ibid.).

In Jan's letter from July 1870, we can clearly see how Hahn is menacing him into a corner. Jan queries his liabilities as a ruler (letter $N^{\circ} 26$ ), despite the fact that, with hindsight, the content purveys an accurate political insight into Namaland statecraft.

The other two letters that year, dated in October and December (i,e. after the second peace treaty was signed), are of a quiet tone, dealing with final settlements of the treaty's implications.

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[Appendix ], Section B, $\ln$. 559-614]
Zoreseb ${ }^{125}$ January 5, 1870
To the Honorable Mr. Hahn,
On Friday evening I came to my werf and found it deserted. After I had left, the people heard stories that Kamaharero had sent a commando to plunder my uncle Jacobus Booi, ${ }^{126}$ and thus they fled with Jacobus Booi back to his land. I have found some of my people back, although I am still missing some 20 women. When I was in Otimbingwe this time, I discovered some more: because the ongoing peace is clearly in view, a party of Hereros came up and raided one of the Bergdamara's camps, killing 19 people. They were also Bergdamaras affiliated to me. Look, dear Sir, I make an ongoing peace to be able to live in peace and also to be able to raise the children of the men that were killed. (He, Kamaharero, will have to raise the children his men that were killed [?].) I think if I live this way, my relatives and friends will also live this way, because I think if Kamaharero makes peace with me, then he must also make peace with all my people and my relatives; that is my wish. Why is that impossible? See, my dear Sir, the Bergdamaras are also my people, the Topnaars also, as well

[^335]as the Bushmen may live by our word, [?] ${ }^{127}$ namely at my uncle's, Jabobus Booi. Kamaharero firstly contrived with Willem Swartbooi ${ }^{128}$ that he would not make peace with me. Then we didn't have real peace. Then, he made peace with deceased old Cornelis. ${ }^{129}$ Then we didn't have real peace. Therefore, I do not need this ongoing peace if he only wants to make peace with me but not with Jacobus Booi. I think there must be peace among all the people just like in the old days. This 1 ask you, teachers, you must speak about this to Kamaharero. So far my letter.

My warm regards to you and your wife and Margarita and also to captain Kamaharero.

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Captain IJ Jonker Afrikaner

Zoreseb, ${ }^{130} 18$ February 1870
To Mr. Hahn,
I write you this letter, dear Sir, to let you know that my horses are still rather too weak to come down at the moment. So I am not ready yet. Also, everyday we get rain, therefore also, I cannot leave my house, because of the rain, so I will wait till the rains are over. Now, dear Sir, you must call me at an appointed time and I will come down. I am in such a hurry to see Kamaharero and to finalize the peace with him, but the rain prevents me now to leave my home. Therefore 1 am sending these Bergdamaras. Sir, you must please keep the Bergdamaras for a week with you and teach them, as well as give them shirts and trousers, on my account. One day I will settle my account, this I am asking you, Sir. You will hear from them about the Damaras: what God has done to uneducated people. We have also heard the damage reports about what the Berseba people ${ }^{131}$ have done. I heard that Jacobus Izaak ${ }^{132}$ was still in J. Then the people attacked the Damaras but Saul ${ }^{133}$

[^336]and his wife and children came away unscathed. Well, I heard this, but I am not sure if it is true or if it is not true. The Damaras want to move to Kamaharero but the people of Berseba do not want to let the Damaras move. That much I heard from old Petrus, ${ }^{134}$ Petrus Swartbooi's ${ }^{135}$ father-in-law. For the rest I have heard nothing. With my warm regards to your wife and Margrita.

I am your friend,
Captainj. jonker Africaner:

Zoreseb, ${ }^{136} 8$ April 1870.
To the Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I received letters from the teachers from Great Namaqualand ${ }^{137}$ today, but I forwarded them straightaway to Otjimbingwe. Thus I do not know what was written in these letters; now I do not know when the teachers will arrive in Rehoboth. Sir, so you must let me know, I ask you, dear Sir. Further I let you know that the Topnaars ${ }^{138}$ have left for Opab ${ }^{139}$ to steal cattle as well as draft-oxen from the transport wagons. But I have sent my people after them in order to punish them. I have never allowed any Topnaar or Bergdamara to steal cattle. If the Topnaars or Bergdamaras steal cattle again, then I will have such a person shot. I further received a letter from Frederik Vleermuis ${ }^{140}$ and he says that he, Frederik, is willing to enter into a complete peace agreement with all the Damara

[^337]captains. But he says that he heard from old Jacob Vleermuis ${ }^{141}$ that Aponto ${ }^{142}$ is not willing to make peace with him, or that he will not accept the peace which Frederik makes with me. I must let you, Kamaharero and Abraham Swartbooi ${ }^{143}$ know about this, so you know Aponto's words and you can judge if this is right or if this is not right.

With warm regards to you and your wife, to Margrita and all the teachers in Otjimbingwe from all of us.

I am your friend, Capt. Jahn Afrikaner

Aries, ${ }^{144} 18$ July 1870
Dear Mr. Hahn,
I received your letter so late yesterday evening. I was still on the move, I had not arrived back at my place. Then I turned around to hurry to you. You also say that later on, I will be found guilty. What do you think about that, will I, year after year, be found guilty for the deeds of the new arrivals in my land? When I, now, make the decisions for the future of my land? If the new arrivals in this land shoot people, is that my fault? If new arrivals in this land take up land without first asking the captain of that land, is that also my fault? When new arrivals in this land start distributing land without my permission that will be my fault, in your eyes? Because you are white! Dear Sir, you are a teacher, that is true, but will you be a truthful teacher. Because it is nevertheless also true that you are human. You can also make mistakes because you have a human nature; you are not a teacher who was sent down from heaven and do all the things right. You also should be careful; you also could be found guilty in the eyes of the black people. How do you reckon justifying yourself to me? Do you think that I will let you, white people keep on stealing our land without saying a word, just because you are a teacher? I trusted you, therefore I always write you letters but now, would I, because of all my labors, be the guilty one? Here in Rehoboth are two traders; they are breaking down houses in Rehoboth to obtain the poles, to build a house in another spot. Now, if I stop the men breaking down the houses then, am I guilty, because these two men are white people?

With my best compliments to all the friends in Azab. ${ }^{145}$

[^338]Aris, ${ }^{146} 8$ October, 1870
To the noble Mr. Hahn and all the teachers in Damaraland,
I write you, all my friends, this letter to let you know that my father-in-law Jacobus Booi ${ }^{147}$ is no longer in this world. He died on October 8. I did not hear about it; the old man died last night without saying any words. Further, Barnabas ${ }^{148}$ has called me, and I am now on my way to him. He caught the man from Gobabis ${ }^{149}$ who killed a white man last year. Barnabas wants to kill this man, as he himselfkilled, therefore he is calling me and some other elders and my old captains and Frederik Vleermuis ${ }^{150}$ with him. I have heard that the half-Damaras have killed two of Frederik's men and Frederik now wants to kill the half-Damaras, because they killed his people, but we will first await further details. Now, dear Sir, you must please let Abraham Swartbooi ${ }^{151}$ know about these facts, I ask you kindly, my dear Sir.

With warm regards to you and your wife, Margrita and all friends in Otjimbingwe.
I remain,
Captain Jan Jonker Afrikaner
${ }^{146}$ See frotnote 144.
${ }^{147}$ See footnote 4 and 5 .
${ }^{148}$ See footmote 55 .
${ }^{149}$ Elephant's Fountain, originally the headquarters of Amraal Lambert's people, most of whom died in 1864 in a small pox epidemic. Also the Vleermuis clan stayed here (cf. footnote 123 and 140).
${ }^{150}$ See footnote 140.
${ }^{157}$ See footnote 143.

Aris, ${ }^{152} 6$ December 1870
The Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I received your letter so late, the Bergdamaras were at least a month on the road. See, my dear Sir, I received no news or letters from Great Namaqualand ${ }^{153}$ thus I have no idea how things are going down there. I did receive Mr. Schröder's ${ }^{154}$ letter, but I have heard this and this about it. I send you the same letter of Mr. Schröder; you must see for yourself what the signification of this letter is. I myself expect the same as is conveyed in the letter. I am ready to come to Otimbingwe myself and I wish to meet Daniel Cloete ${ }^{155}$ and the Bergdamaras in Otjimbingwe so we can talk things through. There are many things to be discussed. I wish the Bergdamaras will reside under me but maybe the Bergdamaras are not willing to reside under me. Therefore we must first discuss all these things and come to an understanding, that is my wish. Also the Topnaars ${ }^{156}$ have again begun to murder the Damaras. They have already shot many Damaras; that is also one of the things that have to be straightened out.

With my best compliments to you and your wife and Margrita and everyone in Otimbingwe.

[^339]The letters written in 1871 all seem to be compliant with the nature of the peace treaty that had been settled upon. Jan Jonker had been granted his wish to have his father's place, Windhoek as his homestead (albeit in the wording that it was given to him on loan; cf. '1872', and letter № 31). According to the peace treaty he was also obliged to take on a missionary, by stipulation, one from the Rhenish Missionary Society. Considering his earlier complaints about the German missionaries (e.g., in letter № 13), this seems to have been a big concession on his behalf. Whereas the historical missionary records confirm that missionary J.G. Schröder Ir. was stationed at Windhoek from 1871 till 1880, his association to Jan Jonker has not been confirmed (see Volume I, Chapter Three (§ 3.2 .1 .2 ) as well as the previous letter, № 28). Whatever the details of the relation may have been, Jan made sure that the missionary remained at the pulpit. In the first letter of 1871, he notifies Kamaharero, in the spirit of meritorious conduct, that he wishes to hire a trader, because, teachers engaging themselves in trading leads to disaster. The second letter in the first year after the peace alliances reaffirms, in good confidence, that as far as he knows, despite some incidents, everybody's intention in the country is set on the establishment of a lasting peace.

Windhoek, 19 April 1871
The Honorable Captain Kamaharero,
I write you these few lines to let you know that we heard that old Witbooi has moved to Waterberg ${ }^{157}$ with his people. Their first party which was sent ahead, is already close to the Nossob River. This I let you know and I am letting you know something else: a trader has arrived here and on his advent he asked me if I would accept him as my trader to start a shop here in my place. This I am letting you know. It is so that a trader always lives together with a teacher, therefore I will hire this trader for I do not want the teacher to trade. Therefore I want to hire a trader, for all of us. I ask this to you and to Aponda. ${ }^{188}$ Babie ${ }^{159}$ is his name. I do not want to do anything without your knowledge. Thus I expect your reply, my dear captain.

Further, the Damaras who came from below have settled here. We had to pick our Gabak and move away to Rehoboth, but I will question the Damaras further, and then I will tell you truthfully which Damaras they are. We were belittled. We do not want to go on the ostrich hunt this year, neither do we want to make Gam on the place this year. That is all.

Warm regards from all of us to you and your people, my dear friends.

[^340]I am your loving friend, Captain Jan Jonker Afrikaner
Windhoek

Windhoek, 18 August 1871
The Honorable Captain,
I write you these few lines to let you know about the things you heard over there. It is not true that Frederik Vleermuis ${ }^{160}$ wants to start war with you. You must not believe such things. People carry a lot of lies around. Karugab ${ }^{161}$ is at peace and he remains on his werf. Jacobus Izaak ${ }^{162}$ also stays on his werf. There is nobody to wage war against you. These days the Beesdamaras want Bergdamaras, and they are taking them away when they move. Everyone, Barnabas ${ }^{163}$ also, is at peace with you, my dear captain. I think you must also be attentive and see how your people's nature is. They do like this: they come to someone else's werf and do something there. I make them food and when you meet them they talk very nicely. There was a Bergdamara $\ddagger$ Hyrob, and a couple of Herero men who passed by. On one of my Bergdamara's-werfs, they shot three women and a man on the road. They were your subordinates, you must not let them go unpunished. That I ask you my dear brother, captain Kamaharero. For my people, they do not leave here to go to the werfs of the Herero to do something; but they, the Herero, they do come to the werfs of my people, they speak malice and then accuse my people of it. That's how the Beesdamaras are, dear captain. This 1 let you know.

My warm regards to you and all of your people.
I am your loving younger brother, Captain Jan Jonker Afrikaner

[^341]The general tone of the letters written in 1872 show a certain amount of uneasiness about the enforcement of the "peace". In the first letter, from February 1872, Jan expresses his concern about what the words "given on loan", regarding his homestead, Windhoek, precisely entail. The next letter, written two days later expresses his concern about his denizens, the Bergdamaras, who do not seem to be following him in agreement with the peace plans, as he had envisaged. The third letter, a few weeks later again expresses great concern, this time about other Kamaharero's denizens, hindering him and his people in their livelihood as hunters.

From the fourth letter in 1872 it would seem that Jan had not lost his confidence in Kamaharero as an ally and leader and that he regarded the impudent actions of the citizenry merely as debaucheries for which the captains, alone or united, had to take them to task. In the same vein he addresses other settlement questions concerning the country as a whole, as a mutual concern.

Windhoek, 26 February 1872
The Honorable Mr. Hahn,
I thank God that all is still well with me and all who depend on me. I wish the same to you, Sir, for I ascribe the honor of making me and Kamaharero friends again to you. I want to mention to you, so I send this letter to you, Sir, I wish to know what the situation is regarding the loan of the place Windhoek to me. As you might be aware of my present situation it seems very unreasonable to me that I would have to deploy all my strength and diligence to regain a decent existence for me and my people, whereas by the vagueness of my rights to this place I cannot remedy my frailty. A place must be run and such a labor will be disagreeable to anyone if after a little while one had to leave. As my living circumstances are also determined by hunting, and I regretfully have been prevented from this, I feel it my duty to learn how the situation is regarding the loan of the place. I see you, Sir , as a father and a mediator between us, and I expect to learn from you, Sir, what the situation is concerning the loan of the place, for as it stands at the moment the situation is almost unliveable and I wish to know in complete clarity. When we were in Okahandja for the big meeting, then it was proclaimed that with the peace everyone will be able to work and pass at ease and freely. This did not happen to me and I maintain that day's avowal, still today. So I rather want to know which ground is mine and how far I can work on it without impeding or disturbing anyone. Therefore I want to know so I will know how to behave and I will not have to be found guilty before the chiefs of this land.

I end with my best compliments and I call myself my Lord's humble servant,
JJ Africander, Captain

Windhoek, 28 February 1872
Honorable Mr.,
If feel obliged to write you a few lines. We discussed this before, but the Bergdamaras must be united and be given a status. Why did they not want to have a place? They want to free themselves now in the same way as the Beesdamaras, (namely with war). We can already see the beginning that before they are away from us they will have killed several. They have vowed that they will free themselves through warfare. Therefore, with this in mind, they are earning themselves only guns in Otjimbingwe. I really do not want them to have these guns for I know what their goal is. Therefore, it seems to me that those who supply them with the guns are backing them up. But, maybe those who do are unaware, therefore I am letting them know now, why I really do not want this. I would not have said anything if they were earning themselves the guns to make a living, to clothe themselves with, but, especially as they want their guns to shoot my Afrikaners and the Red people ${ }^{164}$ I do not want this going on.

There are also Topnaars ${ }^{165}$ who came down from the Bokberg ${ }^{166}$ to the Kuiseb River, ${ }^{167}$ they also do not want to stop killing the Bergdamaras. I have told them so often that they must not do it but they do not want to listen. Therefore I ask you, Sir, as the oldest, your advice what shall I do best in both these cases for it seems they might escalate into trouble. Thus I ask you, as now, at last their captain and their teacher I heard to be there to speak to, to be present as our teacher. As I do not want it again to become as it was with the Beesdamaras, that a great bloodshed would take place.

With my warm regards from your loving, Captain Jan Jonker Averkaner
${ }^{164}$ See foomote 47.
${ }^{165}$ See footnote 78.
${ }^{1.66}$ See footnote 102.
${ }^{167}$ Nama: ! Khuiseb, according to Lau a "major river in central Namibia" (Lau ed., 1989:306): the Times Allas (1985:94, 108) lists it merely as a watercourse, which seems the appropriate contemporary description according to an announcement in "Travel News Namibia" (Vol. 8 (3), April 2000, p.3): "As a reminder that it is actually a river. the Kuiseb came down in flood during March 2000, and for the first time in fifty years reached the sea at Walvis Bay. Although only a trickle actually flowed into the Atlantic, it is considered to be one of the most rare occurrences in the desert in recent history."

Windhoek, 15 April 1872
The Honorable Mr.,
I write you again a few lines to ask you, to plead with you, to answer my latest letters; they are still awaiting urgent reply. See, my dear Sir, the Damaras say again that we shall not go hunting there, therefore I wrote you that letter, to know your opinion as soon as you could. See, the werfs of the Damaras are situated right in the middle of our hunting grounds and they prevent us to hunt there. Now you must give me your advice about what to do? See, my dear Sir, when I was still at Aris, ${ }^{168}$ after the peace, the Damaras began to thwart us. It told this many a time to Kamaharero but he does not call his people back from there, nor does he forbid his people to do such things. Also, therefore I let you know, so that you are aware of this, so that later on, you, old teacher to all of us, will not say the transgressions were the Afrikaners' doing. See, Sir, we are people and we are obliged to work to make a living. One cannot expect us to sit on our farm and perish from hunger? I do not wish to sit still here on my farm and go steal the goods of the Damaras or from my teacher for being hungry and be found guilty. That I do not want. Thus, you really must answer me soonest. I ask you this kindly, dear Sir.

Warm greetings to you and your wife and Margrita and also to all the people who live in Otjimbingwe.

I am your pupil, Captain Jan Afrikaner

Windhoek 17 May, 1872
The Honorable Captain!
What do you say there? That I wrote the captains from down there, to come to Rehoboth for a meeting, that is not true. If people from down there come, then it will be the people who you have called yourself to exchange horses with. You asked, back then, to send for people with horses to barter. Besides, when the captains will come, then they will come to acknowledge the peace. We all know that, they have voted for that, as at first it was only a cease-fire and not the real, true peace. If it had been a real, full peace at first, then it would not be the case that I am always chased away from the hunting grounds. Thus the captains saw to it that an orderly peace is called for, and they agreed to come again. But when they come, and I know that they are coming, then I will let you

[^342]know. Thus I am not even thinking about waging war, my friend. What you ask me in your letter, that I would have called up my people from Nosob ${ }^{169}$ to wage war against you, I know nothing about that. Another thing you ask me in your letter: I have called Abraham Swartbooi so the three of us can discuss our business about Rehoboth, as the place was not given in ownership to Hermanus van Wiik. ${ }^{170}$ But now, as he likes the place now, he does not want to leave at all.

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1874-1875
In the years that follow the content of the messages Jan sends around, get more and more disturbed. Noting that missionary Hahn left the service of the Rheinische Missions Gesellschaft in 1873, (see Volume 1, Chapter Three, $\S 3.2 .1 .2$, p. 101 and footnote 88) Jan Jonker may have felt that he had lost a pillar he could lean on. Yet he still seems to uphold a certain comradeship with Kamaharero, assuming that the task to govern the country well, concerns both of them in equal proportions. He reprimands Kamaharero to exercise his powers over unruly subjects as much as he asks him for his opinion in such government matters. Secondly, a growing concern and distrust about newcomers is noticeable throughout his epistles.

Windhoek, 3 January 1874
To my brother, Captain Kamaharero
I made peace with the idea to have a quiet and peaceful life, to be able to go freely on my way, to hunt, collect uintjes, ${ }^{172}$ to educate my children in God's word, to acquire a teacher. After the peace was made things happened that seem to have brought disruptions between us, what you know about for I have told you. Therefore it is not necessary to bring this up again. I had been hoping that you had control over your subjects, as is called for from a chief, that you could command and control

[^343]them, that they would obey you. Even though they are heathens, I believe that they can, and will to do so.

But in the four years till now nothing has improved. The more I complain to you, the more my life is made difficult. The more I ask for freedom, the more the roads become obstructed. In the end I will not know which way to turn. Now you must try and understand clearly, what 1 want to think and want to say. You know from your own experiences that a bird will get tamed when you do not let it fly, it is the same with a human being if you entertain him daily he will also become quiet. Do you know how this is going to end? If you have another way, to my satisfaction, meeting my needs, without removing your people, then I would also be very happy about that. But if you yourself have not got a clue, if you just let them roam around, crossing my. path then I cannot tell you how this is going to end.

I do not understand that the smallpox would play a part. Such inconveniences exist, I do not blame you for that. It goes by law, because it is untoward to bring such diseases over to healthy people.

Once you told me that you wanted to live and deal exactly the way the governor has advised. Now I ask you what did he say? Did he say that you need not worry about Jan's difficult life? That, in fact you should make his life even more difficult, so he will be closed in tight, and, when he wants to do something about that, then fight him? I do not believe that he would say anything like that. I had understood his laws, by which guidance we made peace, in such a way that it meant that a woman would be able to travel from the Colony to Ovamboland, ${ }^{173}$ with only a staff in her hand. That is what I understood. But we cannot rely on all this at the moment, then all will be in vain. Now tell me if you are totally dissatisfied with me. For if you are satisfied with me then I believe that your subjects will be the same; 1 stress that you must be. As the leader does, so will his people follow. So tell me what am I to do in order to live, be able to live. Please!

Let me live.
I close my letter with regards, I remain your brother,

## Captain J. Jan Afrikaner

PS. I also wanted to let you know and ask you, as you are their chief: what am I to do with the Bergdamaras who murdered each other in Aris? ${ }^{174}$

[^344]Windhoek, 25 January 1875

## The Honorable Captain Kamaharero,

I have the honor to send you the following lines, Sir. I received your letter and I have asked him about it but he denies it, and says that he did not write it. Further I wanted to let you know, Sir, that your people, who are here on the upper side of Kubakup seem to be doing wrong. I have heard that they have animals from white men with them, and that they escaped from a war at Rehoboth, which is not true. About such things, it seems to me that you might like to recall such people and keep them close to you. So you can monitor and help them. The situation is rather difficult for us as there are several people in our country who are white, learned people form the Colony. Exactly those things as you have experienced with dr. Hahn, ${ }^{175}$ such things are in our land and it requires to maintain our true friendship with each other for the benefit of our land and people.

Herewith I end, my warm regards to you and everyone,
Your servant,
J. Jonker Afriacaner,

Captain

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Windhoek, 15 February 1875
The Honorable Captain,
We are still expecting an answer, in answer to the letters which we wrote to let you know about the murder which happened in our land. After our agreement that, when a captain's subject commits such a crime against another captain's subject, he will bring his captain in contrition to the other captain, and we, captains will hold a meeting to incriminate the one who is guilty and to punish him. When he would not want to admit and concede his guilt, and, when he does not want to be punished, to ban him with force. So we expect an answer to the question to know what to do with the murderers, for we have apprehended them, they caught them after all, and they are locked up now.

After this I have no further news. We are all still in God's grace and hope the same to all of you.

Our, the captains of this land's expectation, is such. With warm regards to all of you I remain, Your loving,
Captain Jan Jonker Afrikaner

[^345]While the letters from the early 1870 's were of a foreboding nature, with Jan anticipating problems stemming from various details that were not covered by the original treaties, serious adversities seem to arise after 1875 . It is in the letters from this period that a remarkable linguistic change takes place: he abandons all his good knowledge of Dutch in favor of an Afrikaans format. After Hahn had left (see '1876') he seems to have turned to Kamaharero for advice in government matters; according to the literature without much success (Vedder 1938, Goltblatt 1971). According to these sources Kamaharero had turned to the English Cape Government for protection, resulting in Mr. Palgrave being sent as an envoy to South West Africa in 1874. Jan does not seem to have been unfriendly towards this change of perspective (cf. letter № 40). But, as history relates it, the results of the English missions were mere paperwork as only limited funds were made available (Vedder 1938 [1966]:436ff.). Eventually, after various atrocities took place in the winter of 1880 (AugustSeptember) the English left the interior and withdrew to Walfish Bay (Vedder 1938 [1966]:444). It appears from the letters that Jan Jonker was seeking to renew the alliances with the chiefs of the other polities in Namaland. In the last letter of 1880, Jan writes Kamaharero an ultimatum, to mâke up his mind: shall it be peace, or will it be war.

Windhoek, 1 December 1877

## The Honorable Captain Jacobus Izaak, ${ }^{176}$

The first of December I received your letter which you wrote on the 11 th of November, and I reply to this now. I rather wish we will meet each other in Rehoboth around the 25 th of January. Or, when Rehoboth is a little far for you then we could decide on !Hoxas or !Oaas, ${ }^{177}$ one of those two places. So, dear chiefs, in Rehoboth here, all kinds of things happened, people were murdered, slain, there were shoot-outs and theft. Such things are becoming worse and worse. Such things are coming my way now. The captain of Rehoboth and Piet Beukes ${ }^{178}$ also came on my land, as far as Kransnus near !Aiseb's ${ }^{179}$ werf with a bunch of men. As war-faring Beesdamaras were also there, three women got hurt in a shootout, unnecessarily. The blood of the people lies there on the ground

[^346]${ }^{179}$ Not traced.
by the hand of Hermanus van Wijk. ${ }^{180}$ We, Treatise-chiefs, are also obliged to sort out such things according to the law of the chiefs. Hermanus van Wijk is the first captain who shed blood on another captain's grounds. It happened on the first of December 1877. On !Aiseb's side three women were hurt and on the side of the Basters no one was hurt, by the grace of God. See, dear Uncle, this time of the year most of the Beesdamaras have moved in onto our fields and our land and gardens get trampled over. Thus, we are wedged between the Damaras and the Basters. So, when you receive this letter you must please hurry here as fast as you can before the mischief becomes worse, come hastily, let us rise and help our country, don't let the knavery worsen. Already nearly a hundred people have been killed this year, how will we exist if you cannot be of help to us? When you receive this letter, you must come, posthaste, without delay. How long shall we be able to hold out and how long will we be able to sustain? By your, beloved chiefs' advice we live in fear today, while you advised us the day for peace. Now it is time that you, chiefs come and relieve us, we are at our wits end, and no longer divided, therefore we ask you your counsel. When we meet, we will report more things, but I expect an answer, not by letter but by the civil servants, on horse. As hastily as possible.

By God's grace we are still all right.
So far I end my words with regards to you and all friends,
I am your nephew,
Captain Jan Jonk Afrikaner.
[Appendix I, Section III, In. 46-67]
Windhoek, 13 January 1880
My dear brother, Piet Beukes, ${ }^{181}$
I write you these few lines to let you know that although I got the wagon late I am ready to go, but that I do not want to leave my werf as the Beesdamaras are now more than ready to shoot me. But I have no idea what brought this on, why the Damaras are revolting against me, but for the reason that it I am accused of gathering the Bergdamaras with many horses and animals in the Gamsberg, to move there. This is what the Beesdamaras say, they accuse me, but I know I am innocent, but because of this I do not see a chance to leave my werf. We are expecting the Damaras' war here any day now. This time I will not allow the Damaras to decimate me on my werf. So I ask that the old captain Jacobus lzaak ${ }^{182}$ returns home hastily and sorts everything out on that side and brings his people or forces together, as well as letting the other chiefs know. Further, the war of the

[^347]Damaras is now in Aris ${ }^{183}$ to turn me. Thus, the Damaras behave towards me. So far. Regards to you,

I am your beloved Captain, Jan Jonker Afrikaner

Windhoek, 18 May 1880
My dear Captain Kamaharero,
I have received your letter and you ask me a question, to which I will answer you now with a few short words. There is not one of my people in the Gamsberg nor any of my Bergdamaras. I will explain to you later more clearly. It seemed to me that you did not understand my letter well, therefore I send Eig, ${ }^{184}$ so you can hear it from his mouth. You also write about redoubts which I have erected here on my place Windhoek, but I am ashamed to answer you on this. For we made peace and when we made peace we said that we would never again prevent people to go as they please. But why do your people come here, on this church ground, with commandos without any orders from you? Therefore I have erected these redoubts, because of the obstinacy of your people not because of you. Here, not one man has yet brought four oxen, whom I have scared away from my house. Everything is all right here. I wish you to be likewise. Regards to you and everyone.

I think when Mr. Palgrave ${ }^{185}$ arrives in Okahandja then I will come to you myself, then the two of us can enforce the peace further or amend it. Our peace is not good, our peace needs to be made right.

1 am your brother,
Jan Jonker Afrikaner
PS. I ask you one other question, Andries Slamber ${ }^{186}$ has called us by letter. What do you say about this call from Andries?

[^348]Otjizeva, 3 December 1880
Paramount Chief, Kamaharero,
With the following lines I ask you your opinion whether to end with war or with peace. The southern chiefs, who collected at Okahandja in 1870 to establish peace between us, wish to hear from you, which one of us, you or me, broke the peace of 1870 . And they want an answer from you. The chiefs are obliged to know your opinion. You have treated me disgracefully without reason and not only have you killed my people but also you have persecuted me with war, on various occasions. So, I ask you now, tell me your full opinion whether to change this unrest for peace or for war? I am fully ready to defend myself in all possible ways. This I let you know, and I wish to hear your opinion

I am respectfully yours, JA. Captain.

1881 \& 1889
Things seem to have worsened yet again. Although the historiographies detail the last fierce battle between Jan Jonker and the Herero to have taken place on December 10, 1880 (Vedder 1938 [1966]:461). In the first letter from 1881 ( $N^{2} 42$ ), presumably one of a series, Jan Jonker urges missionary Eich and all the teachers to leave the battle grounds, as he foresees a major bloodshed and he expresses his distrust in the European establishment. In the next letter, addressed both to Kamaharero and presumably another Herero chief, he takes out a contract on the former. History does not relate any further incidents, and judging from the last letter from 1881 ( $\mathrm{N}^{2}$ 44), which is merely of a household nature, Jan seems to be going about his business 'as usual'. Lau (1995: x) summarizes the beginning of the 1880's as follows:

> The so-called Nama-Herero war of 1880 still awaits close attention and research $|\ldots|$. What seems to have been at stake was not ethnicity or 'culture' but grazing land and cattic, in a very complex pattorn of shifling, cross-ethic alliances involving the Rehoboth Basters, the Nama Swarbooi, the Herero under [Ka]Maharero, and Jan Jonker Afrikaner on the centre stage. Between October 1880 and February 1881 there was a series of heavy battes between Nama and Herero contingents, and many famous leaders found their deaths then. | . | | By late 1882 the picture was again one of decentralisation, with isolated but constant raiding. countcrraiding and shor-term concentrations of conflict, mostly concerned with Namalanders taking Herero or Baster cattle. This was roughy the picture at the time of Hendrik Witbooi's ascendancy in 1884.

Judging from the very last letter in this collection ( $N o 45$ ), written some eight years later, which originates from the Witbooi Papers, no real change in Jan Jonker's troubles emanates. Again he seems
to have taken on a diplomatic role, summoning for peace, this time in the interest of the German military occupiers, against forces arguably beyond his control. He died a few months later, in August $1889^{187}$
|Appendix I. Section III. In. 125-155]
Tsebris, ${ }^{188} 31$ January 1881
The Honorable Mr. Eich, ${ }^{189}$
I send this letter to you and all the teachers in Damaraland, asking you kindly to take my advice as your friend. When you, teachers, get this letter get ready to make way as far as Otimbingwe. What are you teachers doing in the war? I am very displeased that you teachers stay in the war. Our teachers tell us that when we come with our war to the mission station then we must absolutely not touch a teacher or a white man or even the church. That is why we keep you, teachers or all white people, as our friends. Why do you hide Damaras in your house? The Damaras shoot us from your house. Therefore I tell you, the first Saturday that we arrived in Barmen we saw ourselves with our own eyes that the Damaras shot at us from the teacher's house. In the incident the Damaras shot one of our men, named David Goliath, dead. Is that right? Therefore, I say now that you must rather make way, otherwise I will not respect you as an impartial party. When we come there again, we will not keep any of the whites or teachers as impartial, when we see the Damaras coming from their houses again, we will shoot, I can assure you. Listen and understand me well. I pray you with my friendly request, please leave, so we will not get blamed about you.

So far. With the best of my compliments to you and all the teachers of Damaraland.
I am your friend,
Jan Jonker Afrikaner, Captain
${ }^{187}$ The exact circumstances of Jan Jonker's death remain unclear. There are reports he was killed by his son. who wanted to join with the Witboois: "...doodgeskiet in 1889 deur sy eie seun wat oorgeloop het na Hendrik Witbooi, die nuwe 'ster'." (..shot in 1889 by his own son who wanted to join the enemy, Hendrik Witbooi, the new 'star'.) (Nienaber 1989:565: also Vedder 1938). Hendrik Witbooi, in his diary notes about the incident: "On 6 August our war party rode out against Jan Afrikaner. We followed his trail to Hereroland and, after four days, caught up with him in FGugumeb. On 10 August we attacked him, killing and wounding many of his men. He, the Captain Jan Jonker Afrikaner, also died in battle that day, the 10th of August" (Heywood \& Maasdorp, 1995:25).
${ }^{\text {xs }}$ Oorlam Afrikaner settlement in ca. 1840, perhaps also later; foday on farm 48. Windhock: for more details sec Nienaber \& Raper 1980 [1977]: 1055.
${ }^{130}$ Cf. foomote 184.

Tsebris, 26 March 1881
Dear friend or brother Kamaharero, as well as Tjinake or |Apa Dama ${ }^{\text {1s9 }}$

It has not just been today that I wrote you a letter, can't you write me an answer back? Why are you so choosy? See, my dear friend, |Apa Damap, I will not write you again. I received a letter here, from the teacher in which we are questioned about the ongoing peace. We are always willing to keep the peace but there is one man in Damaraland who does not want peace, his name is Kamaharero and also Anirop. ${ }^{191}$ If you want to make peace I tell you, as your brother, I give you the advice, first kill those two men with assegais. It is because of those two men that a lot of blood has been shed and much more will be lost in eternity, for those two do not want to live in peace. Thus, when you receive this letter, you must call all people together and first murder those two men, then I will make a solid peace with you, if you kill them. Let me know soonest then we both will live in peace without waging war. That is the good advice which I have given you. So far.

I am your brother,
Jan Jonker Afrikaner
Captain

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[Appendix I. Section III. In. 178-197]
Rodebank, ${ }^{192} 12$ August 1881
My dear brother, P. Beukes, ${ }^{193}$
With this letter I let you know that on Saturday I arrived at Rooibank. I heard from the people here that Mr. Jordaan ${ }^{194}$ went to Rehoboth. So I did not find Mr. Jordaan at home and the people say that Mr. Jordaan will return home this week. I will wait for him here this week. I came this far and

[^349]he is the only man who has ammunition, so you must not take me evil, there are no shooting materials here at the bay says Mr. Koch. ${ }^{195}$ But I do not see a chance to go home without the shooting materials so you must not expect me back too soon, also let the other captains know about this. So far.

We are all keeping well by the grace of God and I hope you are likewise.
1 greet you,
1 am your friend, Jan Jonker Afrikaner, Captain

Through these lines I address a few remarks to you. Dr. Göring ${ }^{197}$ has sent me a message asking me to mediate between your people and those of captain Manasse, ${ }^{198}$ and to negotiate peace terms with you. If either of you accept this, then I, as a neutral party, shall invite the other as well. I have notified Manasse about these peace talks so that he too will come. I will talk to him too. And I will act as intermediary between your two nations, as a go-between for peace. I suggest that you wait to see what I do when captain Manasse comes, for he will be coming at my summons, and not to attack you. In the past I told you: Be patient, my Son, but you did not listen. Today I don't understand you. I know that the man is your enemy, but you will have to wait and see what I can arrange. I know that you have false witnesses against me about the letters I wrote to captain Manasse and Paul Visser. ${ }^{199}$ Nevertheless wait now and see. I do not accept what you accuse me of. I have no hostile intentions against you. I reject that accusation which must arise from a misunderstanding. To proceed: dear nephew, call a halt now and make peace. This I again urge you to with these few lines, with all goodwill.

[^350]Answer me promptly. Otherwise I will not proceed with these peace negotiations. And I will not detain Manasse if he wants to attack you tomorrow or the day after. Moreover: let those among your men who belong to the Afrikaners and the Boois, stay out of the quarrel.

I also hear that you've made a binding treaty with the Basters. ${ }^{2010}$ So the Basters too are now involved in your war. The captain sees the Basters with his eyes.

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## APPENDIX III

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| Category A | Category B | Category C | Category D |
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| VR + <br> EXTR - <br> LDS <br> zullen <br> kunnen(deon) <br> kunnen(epist) <br> moeten(deon) <br> moeten(epist) <br> willen <br> mogen <br> laten <br> doen <br> zien <br> horen <br> voelen <br> vinden <br> schijnen <br> blijken <br> lijken <br> hoeven <br> staan <br> liggen <br> zitten <br> lopen <br> helpen(-te) <br> leren(-te) <br> durven(-te) <br> dienen <br> plegen <br> weten <br> believen <br> vermogen <br> dreigen(-AG) <br> hebben (temporal aux.) | $+$ <br> fluisteren schreeuwen rondbazuinen <br> z. verbazen <br> z. schamen schokken lukken berouwen kosten bevallen ophouden voortgaan doorgaan | $+$ <br> $+$ <br> $+$ <br> proberen <br> wagen <br> weigeren <br> hopen <br> menen <br> wensen <br> verzuimen[?] <br> eisen <br> beweren <br> beginnen <br> trachten | $\rightarrow$ <br> zeggen <br> helpen(+te) <br> leren( + te) <br> durven( + te) <br> dreigen( +AG ) <br> besluiten <br> verbieden <br> vergeten <br> vermijden <br> verplichten <br> verzuimen[?] <br> vrezen <br> begeren <br> verwachten <br> denken <br> geloven <br> verlangen <br> verleren <br> Z. verwaardigen <br> z.verheugen <br> z.voornemen <br> z. aanmatigen <br> z.inbeelden <br> z.herinneren <br> aanraden <br> voorspiegelen <br> opdragen <br> voorschrijven |

(a) Dutch

Two verb chusters

| $\sqrt{\text { a }}$ | .dat hil haar gezien heeft | $\sqrt{1}$ | . dat hil har zien zat | $\sqrt{1}$ | . dat hij gezicn wera |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\sqrt{1}$ | dal hij haar heeft gezien | $\sqrt{17}$ | . das hij hana zal zien | di. | dat hij wersi geznen |

Three werb clusters

| A. | dat hiy haar zien kumen 2 git | a. | . dat hij hat gezien heblven zat | a | ..dat hij haar zien willen heedit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | .dat hij haar zien zail kumnen | . | . dat hij haar gezien zal hebben | 1 | dat hij haar zien heefe willen |
| $E$ | . dat hij haar zal zien kumen | c. | . dat hij har mal gexien hebben | - | dat hij ham freeft pien willen |
| $\sqrt{4}$ | . dat hij haar zal kumnen zien | $\sqrt{1}$ | ..dat hij haar zat hebben gezien | $\sqrt{1}$ | . dat hij haar heeft willen zion |
| e. | . dat hij haar kumen zien zal | E. | ..dat hij haar hebhen gexien zal | e | dal hij haar willen zien liceft |
| * 1 | dathigeat kumen tut ten | 1 | dathy haar hebben sat gezien | $*$ | cathij laut millen taedftren |

(b) German

Two veri, clusters

| $\sqrt{4}$ | ..daß er sie gesehen hat | $\sqrt{A}$ | . daß er sie sehen will | $\sqrt{\text { a }}$ | .daß er gesehen wurde |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $b$ | daß er sic hat gesehen | b. | daß er sie will sehen |  | b. . daß er wurde gesehen |

Three verb clusters

| 4 | dab er sie sehen können will | 7 a | . daf er sie gesehen haben will | 4. | . dala er sie sehen wollen bat |
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| b. | .daß er sie sehen will können | $b$. | .daß er sie gesehen will haben | $\sqrt{3}$ | daber sic schen hat wollen |
| $\sqrt{1}$ | dab er sie will sehen können | He. | . daf er sic will gesehen haben | $\sqrt{4}$ | dab er sie hat sehen wollen |
| 4. | dals er sie will können sehen | 1. | ..dab er sie will haben gesehen | $\sqrt{1}$ | . dak er sie bat wollen sehen |
| 2. | dab er sie können sehen will | e. | . dab er sic haben gesehen will | E. | . dak er sie wollen sehen hat |
| + | dall er sie \% ounen vill seliea. | * | daller sie haber will geselien | * | daber sie wollen lat sehen |

(c) Afrikaans

Two verb clusters

| $\sqrt{1}$ | . dat hy haar gesien het | * 1. | det hy hat siet sell | $\sqrt{4}$ | dat hy gesien word |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3. | dat hy haar het grich | $\sqrt{6}$ | dat hy haar sal sion | * 6 | dathy word gesien |

Three verb clusters

| "n | dat hy har sien lan sal | * | del Hyrar, gesien hel sidlsou. | * ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | dit ly han (gesien wilwou het |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{6}$ | dally har hen foll kum | * | cot hy hat gesicn stigsoughet | * ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | dat hy baur (gesien het wh/wou |
| ${ }^{*}$ | dat ly hatar sabsten lan | $\sqrt{ }$ | dat hy haar sal/sou gesien het | *. | dat hy har leet (gesien wil/wou |
| $\sqrt{4}$ | . dat hy haar sal kan sien | . | dat hy ham Jaysoubet Bessen | * 1 d | dathy has liet wiluma (ge)sien |
| * | dal hy han kan sien sul | *e. | dat hy har het gerien sallspur | $\sqrt{2}$ | dat hy haar wil/wou (ge)sien het |
| * | Gut hy bank lam sal sien | * | dat hy har hem sallsougessen | * | dally latar wilmoulice (ge)sien |


| $\sqrt{ }$ | standard language | Two-verbs: column 1..that he has seen her, column 2 . that he will see her columm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * | ungrammatical | 3 . that he was seen. Three verbs: columm 1 ..that he will he dile to see her. |
| 4 | regional | column 2 .. that he will have seenter. column 3 . that he has wathed to see her. |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Uncle Gys: "Grandfather, (and) his people, they spoke Dutch. Thereafter. Sir, the language changed imo Afrikaans, as our books were also just in Dutch" (Van Rensburg 1984, Vol. I1, 1:79).
    ${ }^{2}$ In the Afrikaans literature language varieties (taalvariëteite) are defined as: "n variëteit wan 'n taal is's patroonmatige sisteem van linguistiese items met ooreenstemmende sosiale en/of geografiese verspreiding. Variëteit sluit hiervolgens eenhede groter as dialekte (byvoorbeeld verskillende tale) en eenhede kleiner as dialekte (byvoorbeeld register) in" (Du Plessis 1988:10). (A variety of a language is a systematical pattern along social and/or geographical lines. Therefore a variety inchudes units both larger than dialects (such as different languages) as well as units smaller than dialects (such as registers, for example).

[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ Saunders (1983), summarizes the situation some fiffeen years ago as: "No professional historian has attempted a general survey [of Namibian history]; the general histories we have in English are by a sociologist, a lawyer and an amateur who presents a very readable but highly descriptive accomt". Since then, Lau (1987, 1989) has closed a little of this gap; see also Dedering (1997:14ff.) for an overview of the historiographies for this era.

[^2]:    4 'Democratization' refers to the formal recognition of language forms which were earlier not acceptable according to the norms of the standard language (cf. Webb 1998:191, footnote 1 and the references cited there). See also Van der Horst (1999) on the objectives pursued by the authors of the Algemene Nederlandse Spraakkunst (ANS) offering an all inclusive reference book of Dutch grammar; not the traditional common means of Dutch syntax (emphasis added).

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ The Dutch Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie (VOC).
    ${ }^{5}$ Compare, for example, missionary Knudsen's deliberations about the Herkunft (origin) of the Oorlam people ( $\$ 2.1$, footnote 19, p.23) and the calling of missionary Anderson, summanized in $\S 3.1 .3$, footnote $28, \mathrm{p} .74$.

[^4]:    ${ }^{7} \mathrm{Cf}$. Botha (1984:107) on the non-uniformity of judgements and interpretation of synchronic Afrikaans reduplications: "Different native speakers make different judgements about the meaning of the same reduplication. In addition the judgements of linguistically skilled native speakers about the meaning of the same reduplication often differ in subtle ways."

[^5]:    ${ }^{8}$ Nieuwoudt (1990) includes Griqua Afrikaans, Riemvasmaak Arrikaans, Whites' Orange-River Afrikaans, Rehoboth Afrikaans, Afrikaans van die Richtersveld, Botswana Afrikaans, Afrikaans van die Kharkams, Kaapse Afrikaans and Van der Merwe Afrikaans.

    9 "Maharero (1820-1890), son of Tjamuaha; Herero chief from 1860. Concluded peace treaty in Okahandja in 1870 after seven years' war with Namas; waged war again against Namas 1880-1890. Signed protection treaty with Germany in 1885" (State Archives Service 1989:2).
    ${ }^{10}$ Except for the letters № 40 and № 42 , Period III. See § 3.2.1.2, foomote 84, p. 99 .

[^6]:    11 "Sundry correspondence etc. captured from the Hottentots at the battle on the 22 th of June 1864 when I was crippled for life by gunshot wound. Charles John Andersson" (Lan ed., 1989:249).

[^7]:    ${ }^{12}$ These symbois largely follow Van Rossem a Van der Voort 1996.

[^8]:    ${ }^{13}$ Cf. the evaluation of Rademeyer (1938) by Van Rensburg 1989b:456.
    ${ }^{14}$ Links (1983) treats Kharkams Afrikaans as a dialect or regional variant of Afrikaans (op.cit.:1), but stresses the fact that historically the influence of Khoi cannot be denied (p.6). On the social stratification of his informants he excuses himself that "die gemeenskap baie agteriik [is] en was dit vir baie jare in 'n groot mate getsoleerd." (IT] he community is very behind the times and has been isolated for many years.)
    ${ }^{15}$ Cf. Roberge 1994b:67 who takes into consideration that "direct evidence [...] in Orange River Afrikaans is at best tenuous. One bears the burden of demonstrating by a preponderance of evidence that [certain grammatical features] are not merely pragmatic."

[^9]:    ${ }^{15}$ In GG terminology also which triggers or cues assign a particular seting to paricular parameters. See for example Lightfoot 1998, 1999.

[^10]:    ${ }^{17}$ This view has determined the hierarchical sequence of functional projections. For example in Dutch (and Italian) the inflectional sequence is [Verb] ITense]-[Number], ([HPL] werk $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{T}} t_{\mathrm{T}}$-en $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{N}}$, 'we worked'). See Haegeman 1991:6, following proposals for talian by Belletti (1991), (the ms. by Haegeman is without precise reference).

[^11]:    ${ }^{18}$ As main clause order differs because of the verb-second constraint. I will follow the convention to indicate the subordinate clause structure with a leader of 'double dots'.

[^12]:    ${ }^{19}$ See § 6.3 .5 for details of verb-second in the Minimalist view.

[^13]:    ${ }^{1}$ Previously also spelied K(h)oik(h)oi. In 1970 this spelling was officially changed to Khoekhoe. Cf. Nienaber, 1994a:180-209. About the European's designation and origin of the word "Hottentot" see Transactions of the Philological Society, London (1866).
    ${ }^{2}$ Cf. Westphal (1963), Traill (1995, 1997), Nienaber (1989:626, 830-837). Penn 1995:43 comments: "[W]ords like "Khoikhoi" and "San" are not timeless ahistorical categories but historical categories and social constructions. It is precisely the dynamic realities that lie behind Khoisan terminology that cause so many of the problems associated with the use of the words. Leaving aside, for a moment, the question as to whether "Khoikhoi" is a better word than "Hottentot", or "San" a better word than "Bushman", one still has io unravel that "Gordian knot of South African ethnography" - the relationship between Khoikhoi and San. Many skillful fingers have picked at this knot, some tightening it, others loosening it, but whatever the nature of the relationship it obviously differs according to its historical content. The word "Khoisan", for instance, which has become the convenient generic name for both the Khoikhoi and San peoples, implies that there is a relationship between them. But it means one thing when used in the pre-colonial context and another thing in the colonial context. In the former context the processes the word implies are those which relate to the transition of societies or individuals from a predominantly hunting and gathering mode of existence to a predominantly pastoralist mode of existence - and vice versa. In the colonial context, however, the dynamics of Khoikhoi and San interaction were fundamentally altered by the presence of Europeans who first exerted an influence through trade and later by direct settlement and conquest."

[^14]:    ${ }^{3}$ Goringhaikwas, Gorachoukwas and variant spellings (cf. Nienaber 1989:401, 410). See also the Dutch derived ethonym Kaapmans and Tabakdieven (Tabaktekeman < tobacco-taking-men) op.cit. $567,873$.
    ${ }^{4}$ On my arrival here, at first these [the Goringhaikona] were no more than 30 head strong, but afterwards they acquired followers from kindred scoundrels from the land. Nowadays, together with women and children they could make up an army (gang) of 70 or 80 or more heads.

[^15]:    'Giliomee \& Elphick (1982:44) specify that in the year 1679 there were " 259 vry persone, van wie 55 vroue en $1 / 7$ kinders" (259 free burghers, of which 55 women and 117 children).
    ${ }^{\circ}$ Raidt (1982:96) mentions earlier (small) imports from Madagascar, since 1654.
    ${ }^{7}$ Creole-Portuguese is an umbrella term for varieties of a Portuguese lingua franca, related to earlier Sabir, the fifteenth-century Mediterranean lingua franca. It presumably existed since the earliest days of the sea-faring Europeans along the West African coast and was later carried to India and the Far East. Cf. Romaine 1988: 86-87, Valkhoff 1966, 1972. Conspicuously hardly any lberian based creole languages have survived to date (cf. Fasold 1990:183. Holm, Lorenzino \& De Mello 1999:3; McWhorter 2000:6-40).

[^16]:    ${ }^{8}$ Precise details remain difficult to assess; compare the reference to a duijtse Hottentottin'a Dutch Hottentotwoman' in the Criminal Justice report dated 18 December 1671, quoted in Franken 1953:34.
    ${ }^{9}$ [M]iscegenation and marriages between Khoekhoe and Whites was rare, partly because in general the Europeans were repelled by the Khoekhoe women's appearance, hygiene and ornaments; partly because Khoekhoe society strongly condemned promiscuousness.
    ${ }^{10}$ In 1685 the VOC took refuge to the circulation of prohibitional pamphlets about this practice. (Cf. Raidt 1983:10 and the references cited there.)
    " Cf. Bredekamp 1982:8ff.

[^17]:    ${ }^{12}$ The Dutch had used St. Helena for a while, but they were on the look-out for better pastures as there was too much competition there (Nienaber 1989). From surveys of previously stranded ships they had a good impression of the area; unlike some experiences the Portuguese went through (cf. Bredekamp 1982).
    ${ }^{13}$ Note that the first VOC official, Jan van Riebeeck was on his second chance, being in disgrace with the Lords XVII after having been fired from his position in the East for trading privately.
    ${ }^{14}$ The Khoesan languages distinguish five different click-sounds, nowadays orthographically represented as: / dental click, ! alveolar-palatal click, $\neq$ alveolar click, // lateral click, $\theta$ labial click (cf the illustrations in Traill 1997:20-26, CD-track 15).

    15 John Davis, anno 1598 quoted in Nienaber 1963:9.

[^18]:    ${ }^{16}$ However, archeological study of Khoekhoe society in territories further to the north have revealed a different set of data. Kinahan (2000) conclusively shows that the Khoekhoe in trade with the newcomers in the IKhuseb area maintained their own culture - in fact flourished in the sense that they integrated the European assets into their own life-siyle, but importantly, did not give up on their traditions and customs (see also Chapter Three, § 3.1.2). Kinahan (2000:96) predicts in conclusion that "[as] Namibian archeology has shown that pastoral society can adapt to the challenge of contact [with the Europeans], in the ! Khuiseb Delta by establishing semi-permanent sites in the vicinity of the entrepot to control tradel, ] the possible validity of this model for the Western Cape [is again] pointed out. Given that the available archeological and historical evidence does not seem contradictory, it is worth considering that the sites of semi-permanent settlement did exist in the Cape." Cf. Budack (1977) who draws parallels between the Cape Khoekhoe in the seventeenth century (based on travelers accounts) and the twentieth-century Nama KhoekhoeTopnaars regarding eating and fishing habits (op.cit: $20,28 f f$.), and methods of preserving foods (op.cit:26). Despite the fact that direct evidence for the assumption of a parallel development at the Cape is not immediately available, the popular belief that the indigenous societies broke down with such rapidity is based on the same absence of data (cf. Elphick 1972:294295 that "Many [Khoi] died in their huts [of small -pox] around the colony; their corpses were left to rot where they fell, presumably because all healthy Khoi had panicked and fled inland. [...] By 1713 official interest in independent Khoi tribes was so low that the documents do not give us a clear view of the extent of the carnage amongst them". This lopsided balance in our diachronic written record will be a recurring topic of the discussion weighing the role the nonEuropeans in the developments throughout the next sections and Chapter Three.

[^19]:    [..] there was a massive San raid on the Christian's property in which 200 sheep were stolen. These sheep had been purchased from a certain H . van Aswegen [...] and were in the process of being driven to the mission station by two "Bastaards" when the San launched a night attack, wounding the shepherds and stealing the stock. A commando was despatched under the leadership of Veldcomet J.S. Olivier and, with the assistance of six "peacemaking Bushmen", the robbers were tracked beyond the Sak River. It was discovered that the San had also succeeded in stealing over a hundred oxen from somewhere else. The oxen were recovered but none of the sheep was left alive. Nine San were killed by the commando... (Penn 1995:457).

[^20]:    ${ }^{17}$ Sec Ross (1976), Heywood \& Maasdorp (1995), Lau $1987: 19$ and the literature mentioned there.
    ${ }^{18}$ Free-burgers, Europeans released from their service to the VOC, who were given land to cullivate fresh produce. Wagenaar, anno 1668 , quoted in Franken (1953:21) divides the Caepse boeren in three categories, abridged, as: the firsi type, not exceeding four or five individuals, are excellent farmers and good citizens. The second type are hardworking people, but too poor to make progress as they cannot afford European help on their fams. The third type are lazy and uscless (onnutte) vagrants or drunkards.

[^21]:    ${ }^{19}$ Missionary Kleinschmidt translates it to overlander (from abroad): ,Der Name ist nichts weiter als eine verderbte Form des Holländischen Wortes 'overlands'oder 'o'erlands'. Manche Rheinischen Missionare, z.B. Vollmer, nennen die Einwanderer daher 'Oberldnder' (Nienaber 1989:795). Missionary Knudsen was convinced that the Oorlam were the lost sons of Benjamin from the Bible and relates it to Ulam, a descendant of Saul. I quote Nienaber (1989:800): "Nou het hierdie jong yweraar [Knudsen] tot die oortuiging gekom dat die Khoekhoen eintlik uit die stam van Benjamin spruit. In I Kronieke 8 kom hy af op die naamlys van die nakomelinge van Benjamin en Saul, en daaronder op name wat vir hom duidelik ooreenstem met Khoekhoense stamname [...]. In vers 39 lees hy die name van Esek se seuns, onder wie "Ulam, sy eersgeborene", en wie kan Ulam nou anders wees as die stam-vader van die Oorlams, uit die kindere van Israel? So opgewonde was Knudsen dat hy die Here al die dank toesê vir dié openbaring, en die dag en datum erkentik noteer. Vir Knudsen was 'n toevalligheid van ooreenkoms uitgesluil. Trouens, hy sê dat hy sielsgrang die Jode tot die Christendom sou wou bekeer het maar sendeling van die Khoekhoen geword het, en nou blyk dit dat hy sendeling is van die Jode in hulle afgedwaalde kinders, dat hy op dié wonderbaarlike wyse "Heidenund auch Judenmissionar, nach welchem ich mich of gesehnt, sein durfte." (The young enthusiast, became convinced that the Khoekhoe were actually descendants from Benjamin. In 1, chronics' 8 he stumbled on a list of names of descendants of Benjamin and Saul, and one of them corresponded with the name of the Khoekhoe tribe I...I. In section 39 he reads the names of Esek's sons, amongst which "Ulam, his first bom", and who else could Ulam be but the founder father of the Ooriams, the children of Israel? Knudsen was so thrilled he thanked the Lord for such a revelation, and in awe, he noted down the day and hour. Knudsen conld not imagine it was a coincidence. Besides he acknowledges that he had always wanted to convert the Jews to Christianity but that it turned out he became a missionary to the Khoekhoe, and now it turns ont for him he has become a missionary to the Jews after all, amongst their strayed children. Thus in a miraculous way he was a missionary both to the heathens as well as to the Jews, something he had always longed for.)

[^22]:    ${ }^{20}$ Den Besten (1997) evaluates some twenty utterances in Creole Portuguese beside Cape-Malay texts, arguing that what used to be referred to as 'Creole Portuguese' or 'Malay-Portuguese' in Afrikaans historical linguistics may have been Indo-Portuguese rather than Malay-Portuguese. See also Den Besien 2000 b .

[^23]:    ${ }^{24}$ The demographic picture that emerges could be classified as a "homesicad society" (sce footnote 29, below).
    ${ }^{22}$ Note that both the slaves and the Europeans all came to South Africa by ship on journeys which took a considerable amount of time in a confined space. Cf. Mesthrie et al, 2000:283-287.
    ${ }^{23}$ The VOC prohibited its employees from speaking Portuguese to the siaves (Raidi 1982:96); see Bosman (1928:54) about the VOC language policies, but Franken (1953:41-79) about translations given at court proceedings in the seventeenth and eighteenth century at the Cape; also Valkhoff (1966, 1972) and Den Besten (1997, 2000b) on the influence of the slave languages during the fomative years.
    ${ }^{24}$ Quoting Kindersley (1777:66) "What seems extraordinary is that the slaves do not learn to talk Dutch, but the Dutch people learn their dialect, which is called Portuguese, and is a corruption of that language, some of them are called Malays, brought from the country of Malacea and the islands to the eastward of India."
    ${ }^{25}$ Referring to Mentzel (1921-44, 1:56). Sparrman (1977, 1:58) anno 1770 remarks: "At mealimes, various European dialects, together with the languages used in commerce with the Indians, viz. the Malay, and a very bad kind of Portuguese were spoken at one time, so that the confusion was almost equal to that to the tower of Babel." And, a Persian visitor to Cape, Mirza Abu Taleb Khan (1810, 1:72-73) reports that "besides the Dutch, there are to be found at the Cape people of many other nations, and at least seven or eight languages are spoken here."

[^24]:    ${ }^{27}$ Nineteenth-century (derogatory) term for the Afrikaans vernacular.
    ${ }^{2 k}$ Citing S.J. du Toit in Die Zuid-Afrikaan of Jamary 30. 1875.
    ${ }^{29}$ A society in which the average number of slaves per homestead was small (on averages below ten) and interaction between setlers and slaves was frequent and intense (Mufwene 1996a:91). South African figures from 1834 show an average of 4.55 slaves per household, with the Cape District geographically in the lead with 7.92 slaves per household, and 3.83 in the District of Somerset (Mason 1994:73).

[^25]:    ${ }^{30}$ For the interested reader it is noted that part of this legacy can be retrieved from the Website of the CreoList Archives. [Hup://www.ling.su.se/Creole/].
    ${ }^{31}[H]$ ere there is a habit under our nation, teaching the natives the Dutch tongue. and these [ones] in their way. speaking [it] very awry and nearly incomprehensible, so that our people consequently have followed them in this. yes [in] such [a way], that as the children of our Dutch people use it as well, the foundations for a broken tongue are laid... Amo 1685. Kommissaris-generaal H.A. van Rheede - Journal of his stay at the Cape of Good Hope, (Cape Language Archives).

[^26]:    ${ }^{32}$ Besides Germanic mother-tongue speakers from Germany and Scandinavia, between 1688 and 1690, a contingent of French Huguenots arrived at the Cape, and kept trickling in thereafter (Ponelis 1993:21). Their language is well documented in a study by Pheiffer (1980). Aberrations from the Dutch may be attributable to the influences of spoken Cape Dutch (Pheiffer 1980:261-269), although some errors, such as inversion constructions in the main clause, which globally show $25 \%$ error from both the Dutch or Afrikaans standard (op.cit.:199, 268), would be typically classified as mistakes in Second Language Acquisition (cf. Larsen-Freeman \& Long 1994). However, a genealogical survey by Van der Merwe (1994) indicates that as much as $34 \%$ of Huguenots were of Flemish descent, and that the actual percentage of Dutch speaking Huguenots may very well have been higher, taking into account that historically Calais and Marck on the French coast belonged to Flanders (op.cit.: 104). In general their influence on the formation of the language seems negligible (cf. Raidt 1983:21).
    ${ }^{33}$ Albeit not without debate or with overall consensus. Cf. for example Baker 1996, and the literature cited there. The definitions and exemplifications in this section largely follow Arends. Muysken \& Smith (1995), but see Mühihäusler (1986:3-12), Romaine (1988), McMahon (1994) and Mufwene (1997) for a discussion of the terminological issues. A comprehensive list of pidgin, creole and other mixed languages appears in Arends et al 1995; among its 506 entries American Black English, with several million speakers, is one of the largest.

[^27]:    ${ }^{34}$ In the words of Thomason \& Kaufman (1988:211): "[pidgins] arose in a mulilingual situation in which speakers shared no common language, and which did not (at first) involve language slift, but rather the creation of a linguistically restricted contact language for restricted purposes of intergroup communication." And. creoles are "languages that arose in (primarily) multilingual situations in which speakers who shared no common language shifted rapidly away from their several native languages but learned only the vocabulary - not the bulk of the grammatical structures of the target language." See further comments on these definitions in the main text

[^28]:    ${ }^{35}$ This does not imply that a pidgin necessarily must have existed before creole formation takes place. Cf. Bickerton 1995, Baker 1997.
    ${ }^{36}$ Note that these typological features are on comparative scales. Wittman (1999, Ang. 10) adis: "When weighed quantitatively under the criterion of gradience, this amounts to saying that creole languages under inflection should not have more than two affixes. This is easily contradicted with the test case of Berbice Dutch, a creole that has admittedly four inflectional affixes, three aspectual ones (perfective, imperfective, iterative) and a plural one. [...] Even if we could muster pidgins or creoles with seven or eight affixes, that still wouldn' be very much compared to Turkish where we have 42 inflectional affixes."

[^29]:    ${ }^{37}$ In the case of ORA the attachment of such stigmata becomes apparent from the argumentation in Van Rensburg (1984:188) that Griqua Afrikaans "nie 'n veragterde variant of kreoolse vorm is, [...] die Afrikaans van Griekwas dui eerder op die behoud van vroeëre Afrikaans dialekte, en nie soseer 'n afleiding daarvan nie." ([T]hat Griqua Afrikaans is not a backward language or creole language; the Afrikaans of the Griquas sooncr points to maintenance of older forms of Afrikaans dialects, and not so much a (deteriorated) composite [Emphasis added].) Cf. the sociolinguistic characterization of Kharkams Afrikaans speakers in Links 1983:6, quoted in \& 1.1.2.2, footnote 14. p. 10 .
    ${ }^{36}$ Note that the concept 'creole-person' differs from 'creole-language' in important respects although in popular terminology the two seem to have been united. Shell (1994:17), discussing creolization in South Africa, applics a demographic statistic to the concept of creolization in an implied definition, in which the demarcation line for the "moment of creolization" is set at the level of $50 \%$ locally born slaves versus imported indenture. (This sets the date around 1770.) The linguistic concept of creolization camot be bound by such a numerical çuntification (cf. Baker 1996).

[^30]:    ${ }^{39}$ This is a simplified representation, rudimentarily based on geographical and numerical grounds during the earliest years of the Colony (note that the Khoesan were never enslaved). The exact apportionment of the influence of Khoesan and Asiatic languages has yet to be determined. Roberge (1993:44) mifies the theoretical distinction. posiulating one Afro-Asian substrate, which is a more appropriate description of the facts.
    ${ }^{40}$ This hypothesis runs into problems where more than two or three different languages converged; in the words of Baker (1996:5) on such assumptions about Haitian (derived from French and approximately $50 \%$ Fonspeakers): "[it needs] an account of what the non-Fon would have been doing while Fon-speakers were busy relexifying."

[^31]:    ${ }^{42}$ For example Raidt's investigation into archival texts from the Cape Townarchives written by women cover nearly a century starting from 1710 onwards (Raidt 1995:131).
    ${ }^{43}$ Henceforth also referred to as: Van Oordt (n.d.). Part of this was privately published (known as the Kaapse Taalargief(KT), (Van Oordt 1947-56, parts I-IV privately published, Cape Town; partsV-X) in Tydskrifyir Wetenskap en Kums). The other, unpublished parts are in circulation in bootleg copies, to which Raidi $1983: 36$ refers as the Kapargivmaterial (KA). I will refer to all this Cape archival matcrial as the KT. Some of the photocopy versions of the unpublished material bear a page numbering, originally added by Prof. Pheiffer, which I will inchude in references, where possibic. The unpublished corpus is stylistically heterogencous and contains bills, affidavits, letters, court proceedings etc. Most fascicles, as well as for example the Diary of Johanna Duminy, are presently electronically available for research purposes from the JS Gericke Library, Stellenbosch; the published material from Van Oord is labeled KT1-KT3. See also Raidt (1982:101-153) for an inventory and evaluation of these sources.

[^32]:    ${ }^{44}$ However, note that the Dutch standard language was not socially diffused before the late nineteenth century (see Van der Wal 1992, Ponelis 1993:123).

[^33]:    ${ }^{45}$ The Arrikaans reduplication is based on both the Dutch and the Malayan pattern. On the one hand the Malayan forms reinforced the existing Dutch tendencies, on the other hand, new, un-Duch forms of reduplication from Malay were incomporated in the nascent Afrikaans.
    ${ }^{46}$ Nienaber's research (since 1948) met with a lot of hostility which nearly silenced him.

[^34]:    ${ }^{47}$ Although of negligible importance further mention can be made of the work by Hesseling (1899) and Bosman (1928) on the (Asian-)Portuguese substrates.

[^35]:    ${ }^{48}$ Roberge roughly dates the early historical stage of Afrikaans, characterized as the CDV, from ca. 1710 to ca. 1840 (1999:85). Reserving the label Afrikaans to the standardized variety that began "to take shape from the last quarter of the nineteenth century" (c.q. ca. 1875. op.cit.:86) he leaves a gap of between forty to fifty ycars which I suggest is best included as part of the CDV.

[^36]:    ${ }^{49}$ The one-sidedness of the Cape archival material is illustrated by the pancity of related letters from the Basters or Oorlams in these corpora, the chief group of writers that can be identified in the nineteenth-century ORA corpora from the Namibian Archives. There is one example probably written by a 'coloured' according to the comment in the heading by Mr. Van Oordt: "Jan Smook kleurling?" (coloured"). The note by Jan Smook does stand out as one of the most basilectal specimens in the Cape corpora, comparable to data from the present corpus (cf. Chapter Three):

    Ik onder getekenten te kenne En Brief en vangen dee hewen von Deiiunes Muler
    Ik, ondergetekende [geef] te kennen een brief ontvangen te hebben van Teun(is) Muller
    En Blaas Deebe Danken vor 18 of 20 mant maar Dese brief ver Loren in mijnheijus
    in plaats [van] te bedanken voor 18 of 20 man. Mar deze brief [is] verloren [gegaan] in min huis

[^37]:    ${ }^{50}$ CJ 1103, writer unknown, anno 1772 (in the photostat copies with Prof. Pheiffer's page-numbering, p. 424).
    ${ }^{4}$ See $\$ 2.5 .1$ for a general characterization of the typical differences between Dutch and Afrikaans.

[^38]:    ${ }^{52}$ Just as a matter of interesting inter-continental cross-reference, in this article, a Negerhollands slave-scribe, Domingoe Gesoe is quoted, in a letter dated $/ 8$ Julij 1739 , mentioning "dat haselman Een brief Gekrege heeft van de Capt En daft er 32 hottentotter tot den heijlandt gekomen is waer van I En de testenment leest En de anderen En de abc boeken ..." (that Haselman has received a letter from the captain, that 32 Hottentots have come to our Saviour, amongst which I reads the Bible and the others in the $A B C$ books).

[^39]:    ${ }^{53}$ [A]nd the vast bordering territory: a far larger area than where Afrikaans is spoken today. This type of Afrikaans may well have covered the largest geographical area in its entire history.

[^40]:    ${ }^{57}$ Strictly speaking the proposal by Roberge for the CDV camotaccommodate a regional division of emerging varieties until after 1875. See Roberge 1993:30-32 for a critique on the motivation and merit of including these postulates.
    ${ }^{58}$ The description of Khoekhoe-Afrikaans (as a separate variety) and the study of its aberrations which will show its influence on the Afrikaans of the White speakers, are tasks that have to be undertaken.
    ${ }^{59}$ Also laat, homonym with the causative verb laat. See § 6.3.2.
    ${ }^{60}$ This corpus comprises about 130000 words with texts ranging between 100 and 6000 words per individual. The texts were collected in the State Archives, the NGK Archives, the South African Library, the archives of the Moravian Church in Genadendal and the manuscript collection of the University of Cape Town (Deumert 1999:105).
    ${ }^{6!} \mathrm{Cf}$. Van der Zwan (1986:140) who, in her analysis of verb-second structures in Hendrik Witbooi's Diary, also raises the question "(dit] laat die vraag ontsiaan) of die betrokke variant [verb-second in the subordinate clause, cII, nie tog meer deel was van die Kaapse spreektaal as wat die voorkoms daarvan in die Kaapse argiefmateriaal laat (continued...)

[^41]:    ${ }^{61}$ (...continued)
    vermoed nie." (this raises the question whether [verb-second in the subordinate clause] was rather a more common characteristic of the Cape vernacular than the data in the Cape archival material would suggest). Ce. Chapter Six.
    ${ }^{62}$ To mention one instance, the contemporaneous judgements received on reduplicated forms is highly variable. See Botha 1984, Den Besten, Luijks \& Roberge [to appear]. (On the issue of 'democratizing' Afrikaans, i.e. the recognition of its syntax as it prevails, see Van Rensburg 1992, Webb 1998.)
    ${ }^{63}$ This characterization is neither claimed to be exhaustive nor complete.
    ${ }^{64}$ See Valkhoff (1966) for comments on the albocentric nature of the Afrikaans philological school. Also Roberge (1992a, 1992b, 1993, 1995:76) for an evaluation of the Eurocentric touch in the literature on the development of Afrikaans.

[^42]:    ${ }^{65}$ As far as our diachronic corpora are concerned, it is still a desideratum to have these analyzed by a Namanative speaker syntactician. To date, chiefly the lexicon has received scholarly attention (Nienaber 1963, 1994a (a.0), Hacke 1998).

[^43]:    ${ }^{66}$ Only the modal verbs have retained the equivalent of the Dutch imperfective form. They cannot combine with the temporal auxiliary het. Other verbs as in (i) show a steady decline towards uniformity (Stoops 1972). Cf. dog in the present corpus, Appendix I, section IB, In. 183.

[^44]:    ${ }^{67}$ See for example Appendix I, section IA, in. 521 .

[^45]:    ${ }^{68}$ The data in this section largely follow the inventory in Van Rensburg (1984) but are by no means exhaustive or complete.
    ${ }^{69}$ Henceforth the examples taken from the corpus from Van Rensburg (1984). Volume II (appendixes. transcriptions), will be indicated as GA84, plus page numbering and line numbering where provided. Examples from the Jan Jonker corpus are indicated by the section as in Appendix I, plus line number (e.g., 1A, In. 365 ).
    ${ }^{70}$ In the letters of his contemporaries the phenomenon is also scarce. (I have found one example dated 7.1.1864 by Adam Vleermuis to Dik Jager: Ik laat u weten dat de pokie is no gedaan; daar is no geen pokies hier niet. 'Ilet you know that the smallpox is finished; there is now no smallpox here [not]', (reproduced in Lau (ed.) 1989:277).) Deumert (1999:221) also states that in the corpus Cape archival private correspondence 1880-1922 "examples ofnie-2 are relatively rare at only $21 \%$ of negative clauses showing the Afrikaans pattern of embracing negation, (in number 367 out of 1751 clauses). The distribution across [individuals] appears to be extremely skewed with only about a third of individuals employing the feature at all. Use of nie-2 was not yet categorical for any informant."

[^46]:    ${ }^{71}$ Cf. Ponclis (1993:472) who draws a similar conclusion on the grounds that nie-2 is facultative in ORA.
    ${ }^{72}$ See Chapter Six on the predominant verb-second word order, also in embedded clauses in Jan Jonker's grammar.
    ${ }^{73}$ See Chapter Three, § 3.1.2.2 for the periodical division of the letters from Jan Jonker Afrikaner and § 1.1.2 for comments on the abbreviations that are used in the transcription of this corpus as included in Appendix i.
    ${ }^{74}$ Not necessarily so in Standard Afrikaans (Hester Waher p.c.).
    ${ }^{75}$ Other movement analyses have centered around the argument that there were general tendencies in eighteenth-century Cape Dutch to move constituents such as modal auxiliaries, adverbials as well as the negation particle to the left of the verbal complement. Cf. Waher 1994b:103. On the emergence of nie-2, Roberge (2000b, $2000 \mathrm{c} \cdot 4-7$ ) proposes an altemative explanation based on the pragmatic force of a Dutch emphatic tag negation (Het kan niet waar zijn, (oh) nee (toch)! 'It is not true, no!'), (2000b:147).

[^47]:    ${ }^{76}$ No systematic differentiation between the omission of definite articles versus indefinite articles could be pointed out, as is clear from the examples in (10). Rademeyer (1938:79) also classified the omission of articles as heel gewoon (very normal) in ORA. Du Plessis (1984:122) has argued that there is a scale of acceptability, and that the omission-constructions chiefly concern the indefinite articles ("slegs wee voorbeelde van die weglating [kon] opgespoor word [in the corpus GA84 -cl]" (only two example of the-omission could be found) (op.cit:123). Note that the excessive use of articles as in (10), (sce also example (1) and (3), $\$ 3.2 .1 .1, p .90$ and p.92) is not mentioned in these studies. Cf. Van der Zwan (1986: 122-123) about this feature in the grammar of Hendrik Witbooi in his diary.
    ${ }^{77}$ Dutch does fature this PP with the verb zeggen ('to say'; (iets) tegen (iemand) zeggen, 'to say something to someone"). However, as in English, the idiom is "to ask (someone) for peace", (*"to say (for) peace to someone").

[^48]:    ${ }^{78}$ Note that Nama, being SOV features postpositions but substrate imfluence may not be absent: "Some [..] nouns referring to parts of the body have undergone a diachronic transition, either acquiring a transferred meaning or to become outright postpositions. [...] Four nouns particularly involved in this transition are ais 'face', ams 'mouth'. Igâb 'back, dorsum', and lkhab 'body, side'." Haacke (1995:19-20). Cf, the compound achterklappen, Appendix I, IA. ln.220; IB, ln. 461.
    ${ }^{79}$ Example from Riemvasmaak Afrikaans (Fourie 1985:96).
    ${ }^{80}$ [Vir] is on the increase with personal objects [in Kaapse Afrikaans], the Malay and coloureds use vir much more than the Whites ... and the working class speakers of all three social groups use it much more than the higher class speakers.
    ${ }^{81}$ Possibly vir replaces the preposition aan (to). Alternatively, (the only option from the perspective of the Dutch syntax: Zij zijn gewend aan *(een) lekker leven), vir replaces a CP (om lekker te lewe).

[^49]:    ${ }^{82}$ Subsequent studies of other ORA varieties have become styled on this example.

[^50]:    (Den Besten \& Edmondson 1983:167).
    ia. ..dass er gegangen gewesen ist
    ..that he gone been is
    ia'. *. dass er gegangen ist ist
    b. ..das er gegangen war

[^51]:    ${ }^{84}$ The temporal reference of the sentence will be discussed in Chapter Six, § 6.3.3.2.1.
    ${ }^{85}$ Other examples are summarized in Van der Zwan 1986:111.

[^52]:    ${ }^{86}$ Note that these examples occur in a coordination between an ergative verb (perfect tense conjugation with $z i j n$ ) and an unergative verb (perfect tense conjugation with hebben, cf. Broekhuis 1997 on the choice in Dutch). In Dutch the structure is ungrammatical, but in Afrikaans this difference is no longer observed and the structure is not ungrammatical. As a consequence the argument on the alternate side runs that the leveling of perfect tense auxiliaries was already in place at this date. Cf. the discussion in § 6.3.4.2, and footnote 53, p.229.
    ${ }^{87}$ Notably neither this feature nor doubled finite verb constructions were attested from the corpus of private letters from the Cape Town archives (1880-1922), but occur with regularity in the German vernaculars that are spoken in present-day Namibia (Ana Deumert, p.c.).
    ${ }^{88}$ Most often added as het, also as $h$, or omitted, i.e. the sentences are conform the examples in (18) and (19).
    ${ }^{89}$ What I Susarha Elisabeth Nel went through in our last war from 1899 till 1902. It was in the night of the fourth of July 1901, we were still asleep, when the enemy surrounded my house...

[^53]:    ${ }^{1}$ Van Schoor 'Resolusies van die Politieke Raad' Cape Archives C139. Reproduced in Nienaber (1989:93) "...dat de Bosjesmans Hottentotten Capitain Claas en Afrikaner toenmaals, zo men meende Landwaards geretireert, niet op te spooren waaren geweest, ...". (that the Bushmen Hottentot's captain Claas and Afrikaner then went inland, and could not to be traced...). Franken (1953:97) notes: "In die $17 e$ eeu word die woord wat voorkom in die vorm Africaan sowel as Africaander, Afrikaaner, in die Kaapse stukke uitsluitenalgebruik in die sin van naiurel ofiniander." (In the seventeenth century, in the Cape corpora, the word Africaan, Africaander and Afrikaaner is exclusively used with reference to the 'natives' or indigenous people). He gives a further attestation from the beginning of the eighteenth (continued...)

[^54]:    (..continued)
    century, in which Afrikaner is used in opposition to Dutchmen and Frenchmen who are born in Europe (i.e. Whites born in Africa) (Contra Deductie, 1712; op.cit.:98). Cf. Pettman 1913, sub Africander.
    ${ }^{2}$ This can be read as "The Hotentot, by the name of Afrikaner...", or "The Hottentot Afrikaners,.." as a specific group.
    "A little later we heard screams "come on, beat their brains owt" and "get them". Then we saw lots of them come towards us along the road, towards our wagons; then they screamed again "come on, hit them and beat them their brains out". And after I and my husband felt better, then we went Irom my mother in law to the Cape; while we were with Julius Steijn we heard from a Hottentots servant by the name of Betie, that the Hottentot Afrikaner, who stole the sheep from Jan Christoffel Rog, in the presence of Julius Stein and his wife, had boasted, that I had been so beaten up [by them] and had been left to lie in the road.

[^55]:    ${ }^{4}$ Cf the history of the Kok family, founders of the Griqua nation: "Adam Kok, a slave (although further down in this passage he is, at the time, described as a 'Hottentot'), who had bought himself free was granted grazing rights by the Dutch government on a farm sometime between 1751 and 1760 ; at the same time he acquired burgher rights. In their new domicile Kok and his family came into contact with a Khoekhoe group (the Chariguriqua). Economically they did rather well and attracted a substantive following, more or less started to form a clan. As they moved further north many adherents attached to them and at his death he had become enough of a patriarch to be 'followed up' by his son. (Ross 1976:14).

[^56]:    ${ }^{5}$ The exact circumstances of Jan Jonker's death remain unclear. There are reports he was killed by his son, who wanted to join with the Witboois: "...doodgeskiet in 1889 deur sy eie seun wat oorgeloop het na Hendrik Witbooi, die nuwe 'ster'." (.shot in 1889 by his own son who wanted to join the enemy, Hendrik Witbooi, the new 'star'), (Nienaber 1989:565; also Vedder 1938). Hendrik Witbooi, in his diary notes about the incident: "On 6 August our war party rode out against Jan Afrikaner. We followed his trail to Hereroland and, after four days, caught up with him in fGuguameb. On 10 August we attacked him, killing and wounding many of his men. He, the Captain Jan Jonker Afrikaner, also died in battle that day, the 10th of August." (Heywood \& Maasdorp, 1995:25).
    ${ }^{6}$ Dedering (1197:64) states that "The Oorlam newcomers, did not enter Namibia as conquerors, as the common view of an 'Oorlam invasion' insimuates." The latter view is advanced in Lau 1987, 1989 (ed.).

[^57]:    ${ }^{7}$ But compare Lau's (1987, 1995.viii-ix) interpretation, that in this loose, broad-based society "the dynamics of the means these groups had to incorporate or exclude members, followers or adherents to the group, are quite obscure." And that therefore, "certain raids, battles or wars were not real animosities but could have been merely 'tax'collections", although they looked like theft to European observers.
    ${ }^{8}$ Jan Jonker distinguishes the Damara (=Beesdamara) from the Bergdamaras and the Herero. See letter №. 20, dd. 30.10.1869, Appendix I, section IB.

[^58]:    ${ }^{9}$ Jan Jonker futher distinguishes the Bergdamaras (Mountain-Damaras) from Kaalbeesdamaras (Barren-from-animals-Damaras). See letter №. 17, dd. 21.7.1869, Appendix I, Period I, Section B, ln.247; also Appendix II, letter №. 17, footnote 97 on the speculation that these Kaalbeesdamaras might be the Ovatimbas. This distinction is not made anywhere else (cf. Nienaber 1989, also Preller 1941). Jan Jonker further distinguishes (Bees-)Damaras from "Kaffers". See Appendix I, Period I, Section B, In. 129, In. 339. Preller 1941:22 divides the Bergdamaras into those who live in the Auas mountains and the "ou-Damas" or "Bergtop Damas" in the Otavi highlands. "Bergdamaras is minder onsindelik en onbeskaaf as die ander en sien ook neer op hulle; inderdaad is die veragting wederkerig." (The Bergdamaras are less unclean and uncultured and look down on them; indeed the disdain is reciprocal.)
    ${ }^{10}$ The Bergdamaras who belong ethnically to the Herero, but in language and sentiment to the Nama.

[^59]:    "The strength of the Nama-Hottentot groups in Namaland in the nineteenth century is estimated by Hahn, (Ruckschau, ca. 1853) as follows: Rode volk (Red Nation) 4000, Bondelswarts 4000, Veldschoendragers 1000, Franzman 1000, Swartboois 1500, Topnaars 800 (Lau ed., 1984-1985:672).

[^60]:    ${ }^{12}$ If not that Kamaharero was perhaps a "token chief"; cf. the narration in Vedder (1938 [1966:426]) about correspondences taking place between Maharero's literate advisors in Maharero's name and the Cape officials regarding annexation of South West Africa to the British Empire.
    ${ }^{13}$ Amities and enmities between them remain ambiguous. As mentioned Jan Jonker functioned as a scribe for Kamaharero. Other reports describe the missionaries' astonishment how quickly and amicably Jan Jonker and Kamaharero agreed on the first 1870 peace treaty (cf. Goltblatt 1971). Herero narratives relate to them as brothers, as being raised together (Heywood, Kau and Ohly 1992:16-17; see also Vedder 1938 [1966]:329-330, 424). Notwithstanding, in one of the letters included here (№. 43, Appendix I, section III) Jan Jonker clearly takes out a contract on Kamaharero.
    ${ }^{14}$ Further details on who these people were can be found in the English translations of Jan Jonker Afrikaner's letters in Appendix II.
    ${ }^{15}$ Vedder 1938 [1966:378] relates that he was born at Ebenezer on the Oliphants River [n.d.] in the Cape Colony and describes him as a "fugitive from the system of slavery in vogue at the Cape. [... He died mourned by his whole tribe, on the $15^{\text {th }}$ of April 1869."
    ${ }^{16} \mathrm{Cf}$ "Die dagboek van Hendrik Witbooi 1884-1895" (Voigts ed., 1929, translated in Enghish by Heywood (continued...)

[^61]:    ${ }^{16}$ (...continued)
    \& Maasdorp 1995).

[^62]:    ${ }^{18}$ Letters of Jan Jonker in the later years of his correspondence (Appendix I, section III), make reference to the Basters as (very) unwelcome guests in the area.

[^63]:    ${ }^{20}$ Mention is made by various other authors, e.g., Campbell (1822), Andrew Smith (Kirby ed., 1939-1940), P. Anderson 1995. From these it becomes clear that Dutch was their first language. For example in the novel-style biography of missionary Wiliam Anderson (P. Anderson 1995) the address Mijnheer is used in the English text instead of 'Mister' to achieve the flavor of the foreign tongue the missionaries had to work with. Two doopboeken from Griquatown, presently kept in Kuruman at the Missionary Moffat Museum, commence in 1807 in Dutch until 1842 when it continues in English, with here and there a Dutch remark.
    ${ }^{21}$ Schoeman (1996) reproduces the correspondence related to the Griquas, amongst which are two letters from Adam Kok in Dutch. In the Archives of the LMS in London is one more letter from him in Dutch, but it is not yet determined whether these are in his own handwriting or if he made use of a scribe. The grammar in one of the three letters differs significantly from the other two, although all three letters are addressed to the same person (see \& 3.2.1.2, p.102). The reproduction in Schoeman (1996:143) is not completely accurate.
    ${ }^{22} \mathrm{Cf}$. Lau (ed.) 1989:278, footnote 296: "The Griqua presence in $19^{\text {th }}$ century central and southem Namibia remains largely unassessed. Yet it was undeniably relevant: if was a Griqua who formulated the famous Treaty of Hoachanas [!Hoaxa!nâs] (Qu5, 5.1.1858) (see p. 72 below), Kleinschmidt met two Griqua deputies at Gobabis in 1860 and claimed that they were on a spying reconnaissance mission (BRMG 1861, 69); other missionaries commented on the trading, raiding and free movement of Griquas throughout Namaland; see Qul1, 31.8.1860: BRMG 1860,24."

[^64]:    ${ }^{25} \mathrm{Cf}$. footnote 5, p. 65 about the political circumstances around Jan Jonker's death.

[^65]:    ${ }^{26}$ Cf. Penn 1995:435ff.
    ${ }^{27}$ In the case of the settlers and traders (not to mention the so-called "adventurers"), characterizations which detail ulterior motives do not so easily escape historiographies.
    ${ }^{28}$ For example, P.Anderson (1995:2) describes the motivation of his forefather, the missionary William Anderson, that "atter all his immediate family had died, he became firmly convinced God was calling him to serve overseas and was willing to go anywhere the Society [LMS] sent him." (Missionary Anderson had lost two brothers and a sister at a young age, in 1789 his father died and a brother at the age of 16 . In 1797 his mother died and five months later his last remaining brother died at the age of 26 . William, at the age of 25 , set foot in Cape Town in 1800.)

[^66]:    ${ }^{29}$ Although first-hand information regarding the indigenes' attitudes to the missionaries is sparse, it is not altogether absent. There is one letter dated "Bijna aan de onderkant van de Groot Rivier, de 9. Februarij, 1803" (Almost at the bottom of the Great River, 9th of February 1803) in which Jager and Titus Afrikaner ask the Cape Colony officials for a missionary:
    "Gehoort hebbende van een leraar die een van de andere leraars de groot revier is af gekomen om naa Kammis te gaan; dat de vroome mensche aan de Cab Leraars rond uit stuure, Zoo verzoek ik alschoon [ofschoon] dat ik de Groote Kwaad doender ben evenwel ootmoedig om een Leraar want ik kan niet zonder Leraar meer blyven en ik zal van nu af aan alle kwad af laate en zoeke hulpe voor myne ziele die ander verlooren moet gaan. ag helpmij schielik eer ik sterfs en bij de andere Leraars boven in de Revier zou ik wel gaan maar die menschen zoude mij niet verdraagen ten minste al zouden de kinders die dag stout zyn kwaad spreeken en hier is ook nog veel volk die gaan leeren wiel." (Having heard from a missionary who is one of the missionaries who came down to the Orange River to travel further to Kammis, that the pious people in the Cape send out missionaries, I request, although I am a big simer, nevertheless [I ask] humbly for a missionary, because I cannot stay any longer without a missionary and from now on I will forsake all evil and seek help for my soul, which otherwise would be lost. Oh, help me please, before I die. [Although] I would like to go to the other missionaries, up the river, the people there would not accept me, when the children are naughty [they will] speak evil [of us]. Furthermore there are other people here who would also like to learn.)

[^67]:    ${ }^{31}$ A number of roads had been built by Jan Jonker's father to facilitate transport with cart and oxen, a.0. a road through the Auas mountains, and the road from Windhoek to Walish Bay. Hahn comments: "Jonker has made, by a remarkable effort, a highroad through this part of the country, which was formerly impassable for a wagon. I must confess that, nowhere in the Colony, have I seen a work of this sort being undertaken. It is scarcely credible that people with hardly any tools, or generally with none at all, could have carried out a task of this magnitude. Enormous rocks have been dug out, others have been shattered with loose stones, trees and bushes have been rooted out and so on." Quoted in Vedder 1938 [1966]:223-225.
    ${ }^{32}$ For example the chapter on the period $1860-1870$ in Vedder (1938 [1966]) is titled "Herero war of freedom and Orlam war". However, anecdotical remarks show how cultural differences influence the interpretation of events:
    (continued...)

[^68]:    ${ }^{32}$ (..continued)
    e.g., Preller (1941:17) narrates: "Toe hulle [Herero] [..] na 'n reeks bloedige moorde, deur die Duitsers vasgedruk werd, was dit vir genl. Von Trotha se generale staf snaaks dat die inboorlinge nie aanval nie. "Waarom sou ons aanval?" het een van hulle geantwoord, "julle het mos g'n beeste by julle nie"." (When they [the Hererol after a number of murders were entrapped, it was incomprehensibie for Von Trotha's staff that they didn't attack them. "Why would we attack?" one of them answered, "you don't have cattle"). Another example is England annexing established Portuguese territory in a treaty with Kamaharero, as he in turn was unaware of 'empires' and 'nations', only knew his land in terms of the grazing grounds for his cattle. At the same time we hear of an English official drawing up the border in northem Namibia from Scheppmansdorf till Rooigrond, not realising this was respectively the German and the Duth name for one and the same town (Goltblat 197 1:63).

[^69]:    ${ }^{35}$ In his account of the northern Cape frontier some decades carlier Penn (1995:233), offers us the following deliberations:

    What is more debatable, however, is whether the San were ever able to conceptualise, adequately, the nature of the forces that were overwhelming them. The stories and myths of the /Xam, which were collected by Bleek and Lloyd, suggest an essentially ahistorical understanding, where events and things were fitted into a conceptual grid of essentially mythic significance. Theirs was a reality which included dreams, trance, out of body travel, therianthropic forms, spirit possession and shamanistic powers. Ancient stories had great explanatory power. Certain animals had magical properties and were much easier to understand than strange white men. "They think we are lions", said Gordon, and here we should understand that sorcerers who worked evil at night were thought to assume the form of lions. None of this is meant to imply that the San's mental universe was inferior to, or more absurd than, that of a Dutch frontier farmer. It is merely to say that the focussed drive of the Europeans, with a cluster of concepts based upon Christian certainties and a notion of power which derived from material gain, proved to be of greater utility, in the long struggle for survival on the Cape frontier, than a world view....
    ${ }^{36}$ Cf. Wikar (Mossop ed., 1935), Hahn 1881:19, 21,28 and details presented in Penn 1995, passim.

[^70]:    ${ }^{37}$ Note Dedering's remark, that "Heinrich Vedder 1934 ([1938]) errs in decisive details", in the light of the fact that part of the present source material was preserved through the care of dr. Vedder (Dedering 1997:17, footnote 15).
    ${ }^{38}$ Further from the testing results [of Griqua Afrikaans constructions] it can be determined which of the constructions, according to the respondents is a standard construction and which ones lie on the other end of the scale of acceptability, beimg entirely ungrammatical in Afrikaans. Not one of the constructions [in ORA] is entirely absent (impossible), in Afrikaans.

[^71]:    ${ }^{39}$ Unfortunately the documentation of the archival resources in South Africa and Namibia do not include the linguistic format of the accessions. An omission, I would support to see adjusted in the currently ongoing process of digitalizing the archival inventories nationwide.
    ${ }^{46}$ There are other differences showing similar variation in pattern for a number of syntactic phenomena, as for example, the use of articles, demonstratives, diminutives, relative clause formation, verbal inflection and tense marking (see further § 3.2.1.1 and § 3.2.1.2).
    ${ }^{41}$ The use of the Dutch accusative (as well as possessive) pronom ons in the first person plural, nominative Case, was first noted in the 1730 s by O.F. Mentzel with the by now classic witticism: "Man fragt etwan, ob sie keine Bibel haben, so erfolgt die Antwort: Onz heeft geen Bijbel.. Wann man sie aber alsdann frägt: Wie viel Unzen gehen auf ein Pfund? so werden sie schamroth." (You ask them if they have a Bible, then they will answer: Us have no Bible... When you ask them how many ounces are there in the pound? then they blush.') Most Arrikaans linguists assume that nominative ons was fairly common by 1750 (Raidt 1983:155, Ponelis 1993:218), but Hoogenhout (1904: 9) still reported variation between ons and wij in subject position amongst older people. Notably in the copy of this grammar book in the Merensky Library (Pretoria) corrections have been added in pencil towards the modern Afrikaans orthography, eg., feul: veel (much), minner: minder (less), fir: wir (for) and the suggested altemate for $2 \mathrm{~S} j \mathrm{y}$ as (continued...)

[^72]:    ${ }^{41}$ (...continued)
    (southern Dutch) $g y$ is crossed out. However, the alternate wy for Afrikaans ons is not sanctioned by this 'editor'.
    ${ }^{42}$ Haacke (1998) compares the listing by Wreede in Eenige Hottentotse Woorden, Wreede's Hottentotsche Taal, gebruykelick by de Natien, op en omtrent de Caab de goude Hoop, Kolb's list of Cape Khoekhoe (as in Godée Molsbergen, 1916) and !Gora (Korana) data according to Meinhof (1930), Engelbrecht (1928) and Wuras (1920), with present-day Nama.
    ${ }^{43}$ Vedder (1938 [1966]:11), quotes from the log of the Dutch East India Company's ship Bode, which sailed from the Cape to South West Africa in 1677: "...the natives [about one mile inland of the coast of South West Africa! tried to talk fbut], because these people could only understand our Hottentots ["who had accompanied the captain from Cape Town"] with difficulty, I took them with me to the shore, where our boats lay, and showed them every kindness by giving them tobacco and brandy..." [emphasis added].

[^73]:    ${ }^{44}$ For cxample, the Nama demonstratives nee (this), n/adá (that), náu (yonder), translate as hee, n//áa, and háú in Korana (Honken 1977:162).

[^74]:    ${ }^{45}$ The Penduka Declaration (April 2001) summarizes the present day-situation as follows: "It is an error to refer to the languages of the San peoples as Rhoisan. In the 1930 s European researchers made the mistake of thinking that all click languages came from one source. Previous and subsequent research shows that there are at least four entirely separate language families. These are the Ju, Khoe, IUi and Taa language families. Each language family has different and unrelated grammar, word order and vocabulary. There are various San peoples who speak Khoe languages, and there are non-San peoples who speak Khoe languages, including the Nama and the Damara.

    The difference between Khwedam (a Khoe language) and !Xun (a Ju language) is greater than the difference between Otjiherero and isiZulu, both of which are Bantu languages. The difference between Naro (a Khoe language) and Nju (a !Ui language) is greater than between English and Hindi (the dominant language of India), both of which are Indo-European languages."
    ${ }^{46}$ Both Rainer Vossen (University of Frankfurt) and Andy Chebanne (University of Botswana), as well as Tony Traill (University of the Witwatersrand) and Petrus Vaalbooi (a $\ddagger$ Khomani representative) conceded that there are no monolingual Khoekhoe or San speakers in southern Africa that they know of, with the possible exception of some Nama-speaking enclaves outside South Africa (p.c. January 2000).
    ${ }^{47}$ Cf. the imprecisions in Nienaber's assessment of the relative likeness of Korana and Cape Khoekhoe (1989:235), equating the Korana people in the seventeenth century at the Cape with the twentieth-century connotation of Korana. (Toe die Korannas nog 'n Kaapse stam was, was hulle die bekende Gorachoukwas /"Tabakdieve"] uit van Riebeeck se tyd en het hulle dieselfde taal gepraat as die ander Hottentotte rondom die Tafelvallei. Daar is 'n groot affiniteit tussen Kaaps en Koranna waardeur die twee dialekte hulle in verskeie opsigte van Nama apart stel. 'When the Koranna were still a tribe in the Cape, they were the well known Gorachoukwas [Tobacco-thieves] from Van Riebeeck's days and they spoke the same language as the other Hottentots in Table Valley. There is a great affinity between the Cape [language] and Koranna, by which these two dialects set themselves apart from Nama").

[^75]:    ${ }^{48}$ The most striking feature of being an Oorlam was the appropriation of the Dutch language. They had some knowledge of their own language to varying degrees, some didn't know any Nama anymore at all, others however, could still speak it a little, but were not proud of this ability. Some Oorlam-captains apparently simply refused to let the missionaries instruct their children in Nama. Krönlein 1834:86 in Quellen 10 narrates that his Station in Berseba consisted chiefly of Oorlams and that "[they] only acquired the Hottentot language in later years. Therefore they speak it terribly, and Tibot, my translator must speak it the worst of all".
    ${ }^{49}$ Oorlam or Oorlammi (without meaning). Khauaku, Orlammi and Manatab should mean the same ... (Baster, Orlam and Manab (not Namab) are one...) the Oorlams are those which came from around the Cape, and therefore they speak the Dutch language, as a consequence, all the Hottentots ... who understand Dutch and are a little more adaptable and cleverer are simply called Oonlams. In the Nama-language the Oorlam call themselves therefore Dutch-speakers, German-speakers: Manada. When asked what people they are they will answer: Manata-da or Manada-ia (Sing.), Manada-da (PL.) ... the children of Ulam are the Oorlams, clever, agreeable people. (Ulam is a descendant of King Saul and Knudsen thought that the name of the Oorlam was preserved through ancestry of the biblical Ulam.)

[^76]:    ${ }^{50}$ The followers of chief Willem [Willem Swartbooi]: his name might suggest that he had had himself christened. But that is not true. His real name is Huisib and he was a real Nama from Namaqualand; but, when the Oorlam moved from the Cape Colony, it happened to Huisib as it happened to many of his countrymen: they started to loath their ancestral customs and wisdom and also wanted to be Oorlam, which means civilized Hottentots; no longer ride on oxen but in wagons; no longer shoot with bow and arrow, but take up firearms; no longer speak in their mother tongue but rather hodgepodge in Cape Dutch and they have strangers call them by Dutch and Christian names. Thus. the chief got his name Willem; but not a thought of being baptized. The Oorlam chiefs with whom he listened to Schmelen's preaching, had themselves baptized, but Willem Zwartbooi held out ...
    ${ }^{51}$ The Rhenish missionaries continued Schmelen's work on the Nama language in Great Namaqualand despite strong protests of the inhabitants, who insisted on being instructed in Dutch only.
    ${ }^{52}$ The German missionaries in South West both learned the Nama and the Herero language, they translated the Bible into these languages and they insisted on teaching the children in the schools in their mother tongue. The Basters resisted with might and main. For example, in a stormy meeting in Bethany, chief David Christian shouted vehenently: "Dutch, and nothing but Dutch. I despise myself and I feel as if I want to crawl behind the bushes if It alk Hottentots"; and the law became the same as this answer of the captain.

[^77]:    ${ }^{53}$ Arrikaans was an established language in Namibia around 1869 , and those who wanted to deal with the Ooriams certainly would have had to learn Afrikaans as a second language.
    ${ }^{54}$ Jonker then replied ... he would rather die, rather be destroyed before he would take on a missionary.
    ${ }^{55}$ Jonker must have been able to understand us, as it was read slowly and every sentence was translated into Nama, although he himself speaks Dutch.
    ${ }^{56}$ There is a good possibility that Beetje was Jan Jonker's mother, but this is not certain.

[^78]:    ${ }^{57}$ Note that Amraal Lambert was Jonker Afrikaner's cousin: "Jonker Afrikaner ist sein Vetter und Landesmann, denn die Afrikaner stammen auch aus dieser Gegend [Tubagh region, cl]" (J.A. was his cousin and compatriot, because the Afrikaners also originate from this region), quoted from the Berichte der Rheinische Missionsgesellschaft. ur 22, dd. 1855:237 in Nienaber 1989:565. Also compare the letter in example (1), § 3.2.1.1, co-authored by the schoolmaster Daniel Dauseb. who reportedly was brought from the Cape to Namaqualand by missionary Olpp as a young boy.
    ${ }^{58}$ At one stage he theorizes that "from Mozambique to the West coast, one language in different dialects is spoken" and he rejoices to have found "the key to the heart of Africa"; "Das ist also ein unwidersprechliches Faktum, dass von Mosambik bis hier zur Westküste, quer durch Afrika, eine Sprache in verschiedene Dialekten geredet wird. Diese Entdeckung war mir unbeschreiblich erfreulich. Wir haben den Schluissel zum Herzen Afrikas." (It is thus an absolute fact that from Mozambique unto the West coast here, right across Africa, one language is spoken in a number of different dialects. This discovery made me very happy. We have found the key to the heart of Africa. (Dairy entry 6.10.1850, Lau ed., 1984-1985:474).
    ${ }^{59}$ Emma Hahn, née Hone, came from England. She kept a diary in 1846, reproduced in Lau ed., 19841985:519ff
    ${ }^{60}$ It is generally conjectured that the Khoekhoe at the Cape would have spoken chiefly Nama and Korana. Notwithstanding, influence from the San languages is diffcult to deny. On eighteenth and nineteenth century ORA Den Besten (2000a:7) concedes that "the many |Xam speakers who were absorbed by ORA or pidgin speaking Khoekhoe communities may have been instrumental [in the retention of a Germanic word order] as well" (with reference to Traill 1996.) Likewise, Tony Traill assesses the substrate language of the Karretjemense, nowadays a monolingual Afrikaans speaking Khockhoe people (De Jongh 2000:13), to be of Korana or Griqua origin, but located in the area where |Xam was spoken (p.c. March 2000)

[^79]:    ${ }^{61}$ Hahn's opinion about the Dutch vernacular in the Colony (and beyond), round the 1850 s is rather despondent: Fuer Gegenden wie die Kolonie, wo im allgemeinen unter den Farbigen und selbst auch Weissen die geistige Entwicklung aufkeiner gar hohen Stufe steht, wo der Missionar in seiner Muttersprache ein nahes, aber sehr verdorbenes Sprachidiom lernen hat und ernicht leicht in die Verlegenheidgeraten kann, aufs Glatteis der Metaphysik oder Philosophie uberhaupt gefihht zu werden, mag es wohl sein, obgleich ich's auch da nicht ganz zugeben kann, denn Gelehrsamkeit kommt in allen Lebensverhältnissen zustatten, aber unter allen anderen Umständen ist die Arbeit eines ungebildeten Missionars eine höchst mangelhafte und filr die Zukunft vergebliche. Eine Fremde Sprache greift er an wie etwa ein Schuster ein heisses Eisen; er verbrennt sich die Finger daran. [emphasis added]. (Lau ed., 19841985:669). (For areas such as the Colony, where in general the intellectual development of both Coloreds and Whites does not reach a high level, where the missionary has to learn a corrupted language, close to his mother tongue, and, although he will not be easily trapped in the embarrassment of having to discuss metaphysical or philosophical issues in general, therefore it may be the case, although I hesitate to admit it, as knowledge is of importance in all areas concerning life, but in all cases, the labors of an ignorant missionary are highly deficient and without future profit. He tackles a foreign language like a black smith touches hot iron: he burns his fingers.)

[^80]:    ${ }^{62} \mathrm{Cf} . \$ 2.5 .2 .1$, footnote 70 . In the corpus of letters from Jan Jonker Afrikaner the double negation (sentence final me-2) is entirely absent.

[^81]:    ${ }^{63}$ Honorable Captain Moses Witbooi. With this small letter I wanted to write you some lines and we have received your letter in good order and are grateful. In the past month we went ourselves as spies to Damaraland; we went to !Urilkhubib. [...] and now we ask you if you could please help us, for you are Treaty-captains. Thus we ask you to credit us with shooting materials, after the letter of the Treaty. We implore you as orphans Captain, there is no-one we can trust but you to hear our lament, for you are Treaty-captains. Thus pleading, we write you this letter in good trust, to receive an answer returned with this messenger from the honorable Captain. With this hope I close my letter. I am (your) friend, Manase and schoolmaster Danicl Daus, with warm regards and Magistrate Abraham !Galleib." NA. ACC003. Maharero collection; index Vedder, № 39.
    ${ }^{64}$ Probably Urihuib, old name for Witkrans, south of Rehoboth (Nienaber \& Raper 1980 [1977]:748).
    ${ }^{6 s}$ Alternatively: maand, 'this month', but compare in. 3 .

[^82]:    ${ }^{66}$ Manase (Noreseb), (disputed) successor of Barnabas as leader of the Red Nation (cf. foomote 55 and 198 , Appendix II). Daniel Dausab was attached to the mission station at Hoachanas mosily as a schoolteacher. He was brought to Namibia from the Cape by missionary Olpp as a young man or boy (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:230).
    ${ }^{67}$ One would argue that Stellung-A is the base order and Stellung-B, preposing the object, involves some son of markedness. Haacke (p.c.) is of the opinion that there is no basic word order in Nama, that the fopic element will always appear sentence-initially. Cf. also Rust (1965) on clause initial XPs and \& 6.2.1.1.
    ${ }^{68}$ The 'ge subjectivum', (ge subject particle), appears in main clauses and reinforces the subject (Rust 1965:7), or, can be described as a clause-type indicator, as it can only appear in main declarative clauses; see Chapter Six, $\S$ 6.2.1.1. Note that both word orders are equally acceptable in main clauses and in embedded clauses (Haacke p.c.).

[^83]:    69 "I have been ordered by Captain J. Afrikaner to send your honor these lines in his name..." (August 1880 (?), Vedder collection, no. 45. Note that Vedder writes Jan Jonker Afrikaner as author, which is clearly incorrect.)
    ${ }^{70} \mathrm{Cf}$. § 3.1 .2 , and e.g., the quotation from missionary Gorth in 1852 (p.87, above), that the Oorlam chief Amraal Lambert had not yet mastered Nama and could speak only 'Dutch'.

[^84]:    71 "Letter writing [in the Cape-cl], as reflected by the sheer volume of some of the collections, was an important activity in the four decades between 1880 and 1922. The condolence letters alone to 'Katie' Malan (née Van Huysteen) after the death of her husband in 1905 fill several tighty packed boxes" (Deumert 1999:104).
    ${ }^{72}$ The sentences are relatively short, the vocabulary is limited, a great proportion of first person references, exclamations and a fragmented style with idea units often strung together without connectives (see Tannen 1982).

[^85]:    ${ }^{73} \mathrm{Cf}$ footnote $41, \mathrm{p} .80$.

[^86]:    ${ }^{74}$ The variants lat ons, dat wij (that we) or laat ons (let us) are excluded in this count. Cf. § 6.3.4.
    "Four of these five cases occur in a kind of slogan: Wij zijn een natie ('we are a nation'), in one of the letters repeated three times.
    ${ }^{70}$ Letier №. 13 is an exception to Period I. The letter is addressed to the Cape Govemor Wodehouse and concerns a lengthy exposition in Jan's defense about previous events. It is clearly writen in a studied register, whereby it can further be noted that the first 50 lines (from a total of 119 lines) are far more 'Dutch' than the second half of the letter.
    ${ }^{71}$ Besides these two instances of the use of the correci Duth forms. Jan Jonker writes three times onse tand and once onze land, and onze heshit, whercas the correct Duch form would have been ons land, ons heswit. As it is melear if these are wrongly inflected forms, or a contraction of ons + , se (<zifm), they were left out of the present considerations

[^87]:    ${ }^{78}$ In the appendix (I), Period I is subdivided into Period IA (letters 1-13) and Period IB (letters 14-28) because of the sheer quanity.
    ${ }^{79}$ Andersson Papers, page numbering as in Lau ed., 1989.
    ${ }^{80}$ Rheinische Missions Gesellschaft (NA, A237), 2 Vols., indicated here as RMGI and RMGII. There is no page numbering on the originals and the one provided here is an approximation to the sequence of the mamuscripts.

[^88]:    ${ }^{84}$ Transcribed according to the original manuscript; not to the typescript of dr. Vedder (see Chapter One, $\S$ 1.1, p.6). Samples of these letters, showing Jan Jonker's signature are included in Appendix 1, section IV.
    ${ }^{85}$ Voigts (ed.) 1929.

[^89]:    ${ }^{*}$ Article 3. That the Herero chiefs give Jan Jonker the place Windhoek on loan. that he and his people will live there with a teacher [missionary] from the Rhenish Society.
    ${ }^{87}$ From the literature, initially the details around missionary J.G Schröder are conflicting. Vedder (1938:398) notes "When Schröder died in 1868..." Lau ed.. (1984-1985:1290) also lists Joham Georg Schröder to have died in 1868. However, it was confirmed that there were two missionary Schroders with the same initials, both working for (continued...)

[^90]:    ${ }^{87}$ (..continued)
    the RMG:
    Johann Georg Sur. 1803 , worked in Wupperthal 1833-1847, in Saron 1847-1849 and in Pella 1849-1868. He died on 25.12.1868.
    His son Johann Georg Jr. went to South Africa in 1863, worked in Berseba 1863-1866, in Keetmanshoop 1866-1871, in Windhoek 1871-1880, in Warmbad 1881-1883, in Kommaggas 1883-1894 and left the mission in 1895. He died in 1898. (B.Faulenbach, United Evangelical Mission (Archiv- a. Museumsstiftung), Wupperthal, Germany, p.c.).
    ${ }^{88}$ Apparently over the failure to convert the Herero and over trade interests: "Hahn had tried to monopolize trade by forming the 'Missionshandelsgesellschaft' in 1869. His main justification for so doing related to anxieties regarding the success of his mission work in Hereroland, and his conviction that the more of the trade controlled by the mission, the more benefits could be derived for the mission work. However, it soon became apparent that the trading could not expect to achieve a good profit, let alone a monopoly position. Most significant for its subscribers in Germany it had no major effect on the evangelizing efforts" (Lau 1987:144).

[^91]:    ${ }^{89}$ A similar reason probably holds for letter №. 13 to the Cape govemor Sir Philip Wodehouse by Jan Jonker. See the division in (5), p. 96 (footnote 76).
    ${ }^{90} \mathrm{Cf}$ §3.1.2, p. 71.

[^92]:    ${ }^{91}$ The vernacular of Hendrik Witbooi in his dairy (Voigts ed., 1929, Van der Zwan 1986) is of a similar acrolectal standard as Jan Jonker's grammar in Period II. In the light of the present argumentation this would indicate that he had a target language of a similar group as Jan Jonker in Period II. Alternatively he had enjoyed a higher standard of education, although, that again does not explain the changes Jan Jonker makes. Cf. Van der Zwan (1986:50) for an evaluation of the literature on Witbooi's language.
    ${ }^{92}$ Missionaries made attempts to teach the Nama in their mothertongue as well, (but see comments on the popularity of Nama in § 3.1), orthographically these are based on European languages. Cf. the foreword in Knudsen (1845:3) "Nama A.B.Z., according to the German promuciation. Z.C.Y.Q like German C.Ch.Ue.Oe. F.L.P.X.Y.Q. are foreign letters, in aid of foreign words."
    ${ }^{93}$ Vernacular texts from 1826 until around 1865 do not exceed approximately four per year. As printing technologies improved this number changes to over 300 per year in the 1890 s . (Based on table 3.1 in Deumert 1999:66.)

[^93]:    ${ }^{94}$ The letters were selected on the criteriun that it could be established with reasonable certainty that they were writen by the actual authors themselves (i.e that they bear a signature and not the 'sign' X). All authors are CapeOorlan (Baster) chiefs.

[^94]:     Rehoboth (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:249).

    961844 - +Naosanabis 1894 . Leader of a powerful polity referred to variously in the records as the Gobabis people, Lambert's people, or the Khauas Hottentots (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:241).
    ${ }^{97}$ Doorn Rivier (northern Cape) c. 1790 - + Berseba 1869. A wealthy interpreter and deputy captain at Bethanie, later established himself as independent chef of the community at Berseba with missionary Samuel Hahn in 1850 (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:235).

    98 车? - +1888 . A Witbooi leader. First schoolteacher to the Witboois, later married Lena Witbooi; became a rival to Moses Witbooi (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:249).
    ${ }^{99} 1808$ (1807, or possibly 1794) - Gibeon 1888 . De facto chief of the Witboois after 1870 , but officially so after Kido Witbooi's death in 1875 (Heywood \& Massdorp 1995:252).

[^95]:    'Sec table (11), p.117, for an overview of the present-day Dutch and Arrikaans paradigms.

[^96]:    ${ }^{2}$ These are the electronic versions of the published KT material, labeled KT1-KT3. See footnote 43 , p. 34 .
    ${ }^{3}$ And spelling variants minn(e)(n), meijn. myn, meyn. Idem for mij.
    ${ }^{4}$ Including the form $m i j$ heer/mijheer, Iterally: me lord, 'Mister, Sir' (Dutch: mijnheer (*mijheer), colloquial meneer; Arikaans meneer); in the Jan Jonker Afrikaner corpus this form of address appears indiscriminately as either mijoheer or mijnoheer.
    ${ }^{5}$ I.e those authors who neither follow the Dutch paradign nor make complete random choices. This data shows that authors were familiar with two orthographical variants ( mij vs. mijn), but that there was little awareness of the Case related differences of their usage.
    ${ }^{6}$ There are a few cases where mijn is also used as a nominative form, both in the $\mathrm{K} T$ and in Jan Jonker's correspondence. See footnote 9, p. 113.

[^97]:    ${ }^{7}$ See p. 113, footnote 9 (ii)

[^98]:    ${ }^{8}$ Dutch terug 'return', but it could also be trouw (<getrouw), 'faithfully'.

[^99]:    ${ }^{9}$ In the corpus of letters by Jan Jonker there are two more instances of an inappropriate form first pers. sing. as shown in (i), which is perhaps an infelicitous attempt to make a passive construction, and (ii), which il will not attempt to reconstruct here. In (iii) the single instance of nominative mijn in the published corpus of the KT is presented.
    i. Maar als u niet [als wij] veschten ander blads (plaats) hebben dan zal ik deze keer ziekeer lijk uwe huis verbrande woorden dan moet gij niets mijn schoodig (schuld(ig)?) woorden dat zeg ik u. ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{o} .10$ ).
    ii. Verder zeg ik ook uik wel geen Leeraar docladen (toelaten) om in Wapoland (Ovamboland) de gaan zonder mijin hulle Leeraar vrijheid gegeven dat is ruits (reeds) al zoo veel menschen gedood... (№. 14).
    iii. Miin onder Getekende verklaaren den suijferen waarheijd als dat Jakobus Abraham Burger een plaas versogt heeft en de drif van Wilm Burger genamt de ouwen kraal omtrent Johanmis Jurgen de Beer sein kraal welke hij heeft mocten af danken door de heer Landroest in gekommeterden is goet Gefonden dat dic felt sou blijfen .... KT №. 60. LIEFENBERG (J.) Ao. 1783.
    ${ }^{10}$ A theory of markedness possibly will assume that the " + " values of binary features are more marked than the "." values.

[^100]:    " "Two Albanian prepositions, nga (from) and te(k) (to), take nominative objecis. In substandard Brazilian Portuguese some prepositions take nominative pronouns, rather than the expected obliques. In Russian $z a$ and $v$ can take the nominative in some constructions, although it is not clear whether they both are acting as prepositions in such circmmances. Nominative objects appear with the Spanish prepositions entre (betwecn), when the objects are conjoined NPs and will segun (according to). The same sort of thing happons in Catalan." Alan Liben Dept. of Linguistics. University of Newcastle. LINGUIST List: Vol-9-1223. Sal Scp 5 1998. ISSN $1068-4875$.
    ${ }^{12} \mathrm{Cr}$. the English alternation "You and I shall dance tonight." vs. "You and me will dance together."

[^101]:    ${ }^{13}$ Note that Scholtz (1963:102) does not make the distinction between people who use both mij and mijn in different environments (i.e. as distinct forms in a pronominal paradigm) and those who have only one form (either mij) or mijn) for a non-nominative pronoun.

    14 In one instance Jan Jonker uses it doubled Waarom gy $u$ sprok (Appendix I, section IA, In. 104). Hoogenhout (1904:9) still lists $g y$ as an alternative for $j y$. In the copy I consulted this alternate is crossed out (cf. foomote 41, p.80).
    ${ }^{15}$ The difference between $j y$ and $j i j$ is merely orthographical.
    ${ }^{16}$ In a number of formal letters $U E$ alternates with $u$ as object, after prepositions and as possessive pronoun, the later mainly in the closing paragraph. In comparison this happens seldom. Even rarer is the alternation in one and the same letter between $U E$ and $g i j$ or $u$ as the subject.

[^102]:    ${ }^{17}$ Grandad (and,) his people, they spoke Dutch. The language now has changed to Arrikans as for our books were also Duth books. Just like the old Dutchy was, sir. When they taked, this was ie and ie-we and so, sir, did they falk. The old Duichics. Netherlandic was our language sir. Grandad (and,) his people, they talked it.

[^103]:    ${ }^{19}$ Inflected form of the NP: "Die vaak voorkomende gen mv. Iieder as versterking van voornaamwoorde: haer lieder. [...] hoer liede, ens. Hier het die genitief liede bowendien die pronominale uitgang -r angeneem." (The genitive plural form lieder as reinforcement of phual pronouns: haer lieder, [..] haer liede, etc. Here the genitive form has also taken on the pronominal amix -r.) Le Roux \& Le Roux 1935:97, 120.

[^104]:    ${ }^{22}$ CWM/ South Africa/ Incoming Correspondence. Box 18.1841 Folder 2.
    ${ }^{23}$ In a pidgin sentence from a slave, anno 1721, we find one earlier attestation of a contracted form, combined with the possessive pronoun (i). As Raidt (1982:113) argues such instances are too few to draw conclusions from about the origin of the pronominal forms, but "[w]at ons wel kan affei is dat dergelike afwykende vorme hoogswaarskynlik ook in die kolonistetaal voorgekom hef'( what we can infer is that it is highly likely that these forms were used by the
    (continued...)

[^105]:    ${ }^{23}$ ( . . contimued)
    colonists).
    i. [...dat francis aldaar tegenhaarheeftgezegt:] ons sal naar buijten loopen, jouwhij ...that Francis there to her has said: us shall to outside walk yon sal geen Cost mancqueeren. will no food lack
    (Cape Archives, CJ 326, p.98: of. Scholtz 1963:111)

[^106]:    ${ }^{25}$ Also Le Roux \& Le Roux classify Middle Dutch liede $(n)_{\mathrm{NP}}$ (people) as a reinforcing element to indicate plurality (1935:120). Goossens (1994:67) mentions the rarity of Flemish gulder/gunder (<gi())lieder) (2PL) in comparison to under, (n)ulder (3PL) [also Zeeuws]. This frequency data, relative to Person (primarily with 3PL pronouns) may be an indication of its origin as an appositive structure in the Germanic languages. In contrast to the Germanic data, in the present corpus no 3PL forms, reinforced with lieden/lui are attested (infra).

[^107]:    ${ }^{25}$ Omission of hulle (as opposed to ons) in carly Hottentots- and Slave-Duth. The answer is: that in the material we have there is nowhere a third person plural pronoun, not cven zij, zij/ui ctc.

[^108]:    ${ }^{27}$ In the KT material (Van Oordt n.d.) I was able to consult, indecd no instances of hunhit( ) (humhe) could be found. whereas haarluij features in abundance. It is not clear on which documentation Scholtz (1963) based his hypothesis that the form hunlui was the forerumner of hulle.

[^109]:    ${ }^{22}$ In Dutch three constructions are available to express possessive relations in 3S: the genitive $-s$ (ia). the van construction (ib) and a periphrastic construction with the pronoun zijn, $z$ 'h/haar, d'r (depending on gender and number of the possessor), as in (ic), (ANS, p.53).

[^110]:    ${ }^{20}$ Note that the use of the possessive pronoun 3PL hume only occurs in Period If and in letter №. 13. to Governor Wodehouse, thus all instances of his acrolectal register.
    ${ }^{30}$ The construction has found its continuation outside the pronominal paradigm into present-day Standard Afrikaans, in the so-called 'periphrastic possessive with se', as shown in (i), (cf. \& 2.5.1.4)
    i. die huise se vensters the houses POSS windows
    The windows of the houses.
    The Dutch equivalent of (i), *de huizen zijn ramen, is ungramuatical. Allowing for some regional and diachronic variation in the singular, with plural noun phrases the consiruction is wholly impossible. For further illustration of the extent of this phenomenon I refer to Roberge (1996a) and the literature mentioned there.

[^111]:    ${ }^{33}$ Although this could be a case of ellipsis, but compare example (19c) above from the same narrative.

[^112]:    ${ }^{34}$ I am grateful to Hans den Besten for pointing me in this direction. Reference to such examples of first person singular and second person singular in the literature (for example Le Roux 1923:98. as well as in Olpp 1964) are scemingly fictitious.
    ${ }^{35}$ Cf. Honken 1977:146, who stipulates without comment that "The [Nama] 1 st sg . and $2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{sg}$. [pronoun] bases occur without a suffix in possessive consiructions, e.g tii - 'oms (my house), sáá màmás (your mother)." To which he adds between brackets: "Possessive tii and sáa have the high level TC [tonal contour] rather than high rising. but there doesn t seem to be any reason not to regard them as allomorphs of the same morpheme."
    ${ }^{30}$ As Hans den Besten (p.c.) pointed out, from the corpus in Van Rensburg (1984), the sentence in (i) can be analyzed as (ia) "the wife of my father", but also as (ib) "my wife, her father".

[^113]:    ${ }^{38}$ Besides this. a number of cases are classificd as idionatic expressions as. c.g. in the recurring siop-phrase dat (is) (de) wens san mij(th) (it is the wish of me/my), and mij heer (me mister) next to mijn heer (my misier).

[^114]:    ${ }^{30}$ The poim, as to whether these 'inventions' are drawn from universal tendencies (Bickerton). from mothertongue knowledge (substrate influence) or from the largel language (superstrate influence) remains unresolved in this discussion. but is of a lesser importance than in the carlice discussions.
    ${ }^{40}$ Myers-Scotion (1997:154) defines the ML on four crineria: (1) The ML is generally the language of more morphenes for the entire discourse. (2) The ML generally is the language of relatively greater morpheme frequency. (3) The ML is defined by participant judgement. It is the language which subjects engaged in CS will perceive as "the language we are speaking". (4) The structural criterion that the ML is the language from which the lexical-conceptual mod predicatc-argument structures, as well as the morphological realization pations of mixed constituents are projected.

[^115]:    ${ }^{41}$ Within creolistic theoretical concepts the lexical projections are subject to relexification. the functional projections can undergo reanalysis (cf. Lumsden 1997)
    ${ }^{12}$ In the terminology of Myers-Scoton the 'tumover' in matrix language assignment.

[^116]:    ${ }^{43}$ In this respect Mufwene's ( 1996 ) idea of competition and selection among various fatures, as amiculated in his anticle in Christic (ed., 1996 ) is an important dimension.
    ${ }^{44}$ Assuming pidgins to have null morphosyntactic markings the verbal -umb-om suffix in the Cape Duch pidgin data remains unexplained unless its origin is of a lexical nature. Neither the allomorphy nor the cross categorial usage is explaincd by the current premise of an initial 'null'-variant (cf. Den Besten 1987. 1999-Aug-12).
    ${ }^{45} \mathrm{Cl}$. Sicgel's comment (1999-Scpi-20) on Melancsian Pidgin English (MPE) that because a particular

[^117]:    ${ }^{46} \mathrm{Cf}$. Meimhof ( $1905: 125$ ) "...grammatical gender is not permanent with them [the Hotentots (Nama)], but $|\ldots|$ one and the same thing is, according to the requirements of the case. sometimes masculine $\mid \mathrm{Nama}$ sumix $-b \mid$ |f when big. long), somelimes fenimine [Nama suffix -s] (when small, broad)". Von Laschan (1905:114) gives as example hei-b 'tree', hei-s 'bush'. Idem in Schuz 1891:92.
    ${ }^{47}$ It is easy to imagine that Afrikaans-speaking people who had difficulty understanding harub, didn't understand the meaning of the word biesie either in this compound. [..] Furthermore harub begins with a click-sound and ends with the, for the Afrikaans speaker, meaningless gender marker- $b$. Difficull Lo produce. However, something which almost sounds like hart. logether with bees, makes sense, i.e. hartbees.

[^118]:    ${ }^{48}$ The pronominal paradigm in Nama is fully consistent, adding the suffix -a to form accusative Case. Further note that in the MP framework possessive pronouns, together with articles and demonstratives, are placed on the cline of lexical-functional material towards the end of the functional projections (*the that book, *the his book etc.) whereas personal pronouns are scaled towards the opposite end of having lexical content, for being able to replace full NPs (Haegeman Guéron 1999:59-61)

[^119]:    ${ }^{49}$ A further argument in favour of this assumption might be the fact that in double object constructions Nama prefers to make use of a passive construction to disambiguate the thematic roles as this cannot be made clear by Casemarking. Especially in sentences where the so-called Applicative sufix on the verb introduces the second or third argument (Rust 1965:64). See Chapter Six, § 6.2.1.2.

[^120]:    'The proposal that regulates verb-second within the MP will be discussed in $\$ 6.3 .5$. although within the MP this is not uncontroversial. of. Chomsky 1995:368, who suggesis "[that | he V-second property \|... I may very well belong to the phonological component".

[^121]:    ${ }^{2}$ With the term "G/B" I will refer to both the theoretical assumptions that are made in the Govermment and Binding framework (Chomsky 1981 ) and subsequent work, referred to as the Principles and Parameters Approach (P\&P)
    ${ }^{3}$ There are other categorics in Dutch that can undergo ExTRAPOSition. for example a Prepositionat Phase (PP), a movement termed PP-over-V, but these are always optional movements and do not have the restriction that they can not appear to the left of the verb (i).
    ia. ..dat hij de taat met het mes sueed
    b. ..dat hij de taart sneed met het mes
    .. that he cut the cake with the knife.
    ${ }^{4} \mathrm{C}$. Bennis (1986:163) who demonstrates that in these constructions the pronoun het is the argument receiving the theta-role and not an cmpty dummy-pronoun.

[^122]:    ${ }^{5}$ Both in simplex clauses as well as from extraposed clauses ('the third construction'), as discussed in § 5.1.3.2.

[^123]:    ${ }^{6}$ This list is by no means exhaustive nor claiming to be complete. See Den Besten et al, 1988, Broekhuis ef al, 1995 for a discussion of this classification.

[^124]:    ${ }^{7}$ With accompanying intonation and stress the sentence (16d) becomes marginally acceptable; however, only when the participial form of the modal verb is used (ib).
    ia. *Géven had hij dat boek aan Maria willen
    b. ?Géven had hij dat boek aan Maria gewild
    ${ }^{8}$ Henceforth the hierarchy of the verbs is indicated by line-final numbering between square brackets.
    ${ }^{9}$ See $p .148$ below on the issue of dialectal variation in VR-clusters in the CWG-languages.

[^125]:    (d) ..daß er das [hätte [müssen [verstehen können]]] [1-2-4-3]
    ..that he that had must understand can
    ..that he should have been able to understand that.

[^126]:    ${ }^{10}$ Where V1 is a modal verb, it is not possible to have a [2-3-1] order in Dutch (ia); a [2-1-3] order seems unacceptable in all variants of the CWG-languages where V2 is a modal verb as in (ib). Where perception or causative verbs are involved in such a three-verb cluster, certain speakers may allow for these.
    ia. *..dat hij dat boek hebben gelezen kan
    [2-3-1]
    b. *..dat hij dat boek kunnen heef lezen [2-1-3]

    Cf. Appendix III, (2) on the cross-linguistic word order variation and further Zwatt (1995) for discussion of the dialectal options and restriction on VR in the CWG-languages.

[^127]:    " Cf. the variation in Swedish and Norwegian which exhibits double participia ("the double supine construction" (i)) as discussed in, for example, Wiklund 1998.
    i. Jag hade velat last boken Swedish
    ${ }^{12}$ A third possibility in Dutch is an Extraposed clause as in (i) (=26a, in the main text).
    i. ..dat Paula heeft geprobeerd om de vogels te fotograferen.

    Certain grammarians have weighted the option between (i) and (25a) as standard vs. colloquial usage, socially and stylistically determined, with om.te infinitives being widespread in informal registers (De Vooys 1953:163-164, Donaldson 1981:158, ANS:790, Ponclis 1993:292). However, neither I nor any other Dutch native speaker I consulted, agree with such an evaluation. The opinion in the literature is rather interpreted as a prescriptive, schoolteacher's attitude.

[^128]:    ${ }^{13}$ But see Chomsky 1998, on re-definitions of these concepts.

[^129]:    ${ }^{14}$ Current research about seemingly optional movement tends towards analyses borrowed from Optimality Theory. See for example Broekhuis (1998), Broekhuis \& Dekkers (to appear), and Müler (1999).

[^130]:    ${ }^{15}$ See Wumbrand (1998:Chapter Six) for argumentation that modal verbs and raising verbs are functional categories that are generated outside the VP in an inflectional head.

[^131]:    ${ }^{17}$ It could be argued that the determining factor is [+Def] as the object marker vir cannot occur with indefinite NPs (cf. (371). But this issue is irrelevant to the present discussion. Note that a different intonational pattern or stress as in (i) does not improve the sentence (Hester Waher p.c.), (capitals indicating pitch accent).

[^132]:    ${ }^{18}$ In traditional Afrikaans grammars this particular phenomenon is described in terms of the obligatory adjacency of the NP to the finte verb in the main clause; in the subordinate clause the requirement holds that the object must be adjacent to the subject, in all other configurations vir becomes obligatory. As mentioned in the text it is unclear which module in the syntax imposes this restriction.

[^133]:    ${ }^{19}$ Strict VR in Dutch seems only to apply to clusters of more than two verbs (sce § 5.1.3.1). whercas Afrikaans has restrictions even on that level, (examples (42) and (43), infra).
    ${ }^{20}$ This is a regional, dialectal difference known in the literature as the 'red' and the 'green' sequence. after a dialectologist who did a survey of the patterning, and used green and red markers on his map. In Zwant (1993: 338) differences in ordering possibilities are ascribed to bilingualism of the speaker in question, perhaps as a resull of purism. This is also suggested by Ponelis (1993:336).

[^134]:    ${ }^{21}$ Note that this is a moot point in the case of two-verb clusters to which Scholtu is refering to for Dutch (cf. cxample (42), above and Appendix III, (2a).

[^135]:    ${ }^{22}$ The text in Ponelis (1993:337) with this example (no. 607) gives the impression that the order of the verbs in this cluster is frec in Dutch, also in a three verb sequence, contrary to the facts. Cf. \& 5.1.3.1.

[^136]:    ${ }^{23}$ In the description of VR construction as in (51), (52), strictly speaking, from the Dutch perspective which distinguishes the structural hierarchy in Hij kan gezwommen heb ben from Hij heeft kunnen zwemmen, it seems that the temporal anwiliary (het) somehow gets "absorbed". Besides this, by processes identified as "preterital replacemen"" and "preterital assimilation "(Ponelis 1979: 270, De Villicrs 1971:89ff) a modal verb in the past tense (e.g. hy kon kom) may also "expand" into a string, projecting the temporal auxiliary (hy kon gekom het) according to these authors. See also Donaldson 1993:245, who discusses this alternation as sequences "in lieu of each other. See further $\$ 6.4 .2$ foomote $89, p .258$.
    ${ }^{24}$ Some speakers (generally those will knowledge of Dutch) qualify this sentence as "grammatical. but not very commonly used". Note the contrast with ( 52 d ) in the subordinate clause, in which the participial form of the main verb is not ungrammatical. (52e) is even more marginal and archaic in modern Afrikaans, but is accepted by some speakers and is noted in Scholtz (1963:165).

[^137]:    ${ }^{24}$ On a scale of judgements for the main clause word order with the participial form of the verb ( 56 c . d ). (ii) was most offen chosen.
    i. -ingrammatical
    ii. -not used by the informant himselfherself, but perhaps by others
    iii. -only possible in non-standard varicties

    According to Combrink (1990:221-222) the construction with a participial form is not used in versorgde taal van Afrikaonssprekendes (careful speech of Afrikamns-speakers).

[^138]:    ${ }^{20}$ Govermment $\&$ Binding framework abbreviation for Decp Structure (opposed to SS. Surface Stracture) to which the so-called transiormation rules (Move $\alpha$ ) apply.

[^139]:    ${ }^{27}$ This is simplifying away from various other possible technical solutions to this issue.

[^140]:    ${ }^{2 n}$ Donaldson (1993) states that VPR-structures are limited by a quantificational factor: that only one single lexical word is allowed to be raised along. As shown. it is rather the categorial status of the raised constituent whereby certain DPs seem to be excluded. In Ponelis 1993, who discusses these structures (section 1.1.3.2) we do find examples that include a determiner plus NP. However Ponelis (op.cit.: 332) is very unclear about the status of his examples. Firstly he raises the issue that the structures as in (i). (his examples (590)-(592)). could be instances of verb-second in the embedded clause, whereby of course no restrictions hold for the complement NPs. As far as the embedded $v / 2$ structures are concerned, he does note that these are highly colloquial (op.cit: 340 ). However, he does not rate the examples that he gives of what he calls "open final strings" as in (i), (ex. 590).

[^141]:    ${ }^{29}$ Ponelis (1979:518) describes this ordering of the elements as unusual and 'clumsy' Afrikaans.("Vir deeltjes is dit veel minder gebruiklik om in [die] volgorde voor te kom, en die volgorde word as lomp aangevoel'.)

[^142]:    ${ }^{30}$ As remarked earlier, we seem to be dealing with a continuum of lects in these instances. For quite a number of constructions in the remainder of this chapter, there is no unified judgement to be obtained (cf. \& 1.1.1). However, none of the examples are ruled out: mostly judgements veer towards "acceptable in the spoken language. but not in school".

[^143]:    ${ }^{3}$ A few of my informants did not recognize skyn (seem) any longer as a verb. They insisted that (i) can only be rendered in Afrikaans with an adverb, as in (ii).
    i. $\%$ Hy sky te kom

    He seems to come
    ii. Hy kom skynbaar

    He comes seemingly
    ${ }^{32}$ Only under very special circumstances te can be omitted in Dutch (see ANS 1984:536); this data is not relevant in the present context.

[^144]:    ${ }^{33}$ Cf. Pheiffer 1983:46, and Raidt 1984:64, who claims that it is a Dutch dialectal continuation."Infinitiefsinne met te is relikvorme. [..] Die Afrikaanse infinitiefsin met om te is 'n voortsetting en uitbreiding van 'n versterkingstendensie in die Nederlandse omgangstaal..." (Infinitival clauses with te are relicts. [... IThe Arrikaans infinitival clause is a continuation and expansion of Dutch colloquial speech...).
    ${ }^{34}$ Of these verbs Donaldson (1993) only discusses behoort, durf and hoef as modals ( p .247 ), (also durf as a copular verb ( $p .275$ ); the verbs shyn and blyk are not discussed in this grammar, which might be an indication of their rarity in Afrikaans (cf. footnote 31, above).

[^145]:    ${ }^{35}$ The Dutch difference in word order caries a difference in the semantics, although ANS describes the word order of ( $90 j$ ), (the standard Afrikaans word order) as a colloquial variant in Dutch. I, nor any of my Dutch informants share this opinion.

[^146]:    ${ }^{36} \mathrm{Cf}$. the discussion of the aspectual verbs below (example (103), p.185), in which in Dutch te is an optional element depending on the specification of Tense.
    ${ }^{37}$ In non-standard Afrikaans te can appear immediately following the complementiser om, besides that it can occur twice in the infinitival clause, in the position following om and repeated in the designated position (i), (see further the discussion in $\S 6.3 .2$ ). There is at least one dialect of Dutch, the Groningen dialect, in which te appears to the leff of the direct object (ii) and the Small Clause predicate (from Schuuman 1987). Schuurman observes that this construction does not have the expected properties of incorporation constructions, as the object can be marked for number, and the intervening constituent can be an entire Small Clause.
    $\begin{array}{lll}\text { i. } & \text { Ek het in Durban geloop leer om te die taal te praat } & \text { GA84:160 } \\ & \text { I have in Durban walked learn for to the language to talk } & \\ \text { ii. } & \text { He learned to talk the language in Durban. } \\ \text { Hest volk genog te heu in schuur bringen? } & \text { Gronings } \\ & \begin{array}{l}\text { have-2S people enough to hay in barn bring } \\ \text { Do you hove enough people to bring the hay into the barn? }\end{array} & \end{array}$

[^147]:    ${ }^{38}$ See Roberge (1994b) for a discussion of this idea; Van der Gaaf (1934) on these aspectual verbs in the IndoEuropean context.
    ${ }^{39}$ The complement verb in the hendiadys constraction seems to be an infinitival form (c.q. [-Tense]), witness (i).
    (contimued...)

[^148]:    ${ }^{39}$ (...continued)
    ia. Hy staan en wees doltter
    b. *Hy stann en is dokter

    He's being a docter

[^149]:    ${ }^{4}$ There is quite a clear division amongst speakers who will allow for this construction with the binding particle en present and those who will not. The correlation to which grammatical feature this relates, is unclear to me. I conjecture somehow, that to the omission of the particte is perceived as a lower standard of speech.

[^150]:    ${ }^{\prime}$ See $\S 6.3 .4$ on the acquisition of the verb-second rule for second language leamers of Dutch, and $\S 6.3 .5$ for theoretical consideration about the verb-second constraint.

[^151]:    ${ }^{2}$ The 'GE-subjectivum' (Rust, op. cit.); also called 'indicative marker' (Haacke 1992, 1995). For reasons of clarity, as Nama also features a temporal particle ge [+remote past] I will transcribe this particle in capital letters in the text or gloss it with IND (indicative).

[^152]:    ${ }^{3}$ From Olpp (1964:92) shown in (i), it would appear that GE were a pronominal form; however compared to the subsequent literature on the syntax of Nama these translations appear to be misleading.

[^153]:    ${ }^{4}$ The exposition in this chapter largely follows Rust (1965), which is a description of Nama syntax from the European point of view. The actual make up of the Tense-Aspect system of Nama/Damara is far from undisputably established. Haacke (1990:3) distinguishes four main Tenses (conform to the examples in this survey), besides four Aspectual markers (viz., punctual aspect [0], progressive aspect $[r(\alpha)]$, perfective aspect $[h \hat{d}]$ and stative aspect $[\alpha / i])$. Hagman (1977:62) distinguishes five Tenses with the addition of an 'indefinite tense' (formed with [ka]; in Rust (1965, § 29 described as a conjunctive, die Wunschpartikel 'ga'). Haacke (op.cit.) reclassifies this particle in a 'subsidiary system of tense', which he terms the 'potential tenses' (on the grounds that the indicative and the conjunctive are mutually exclusive). In essence this particle seems to question the validity of a predicate. The conjugation is further differentiated by a positive paradigm and a negative paradigm of the tense/aspect systems. For Mood Nama uses the clause-type markers (ge [+indicative], kha [interrogative marker] (Rust 1965:45 (kha), Hagman 1977:260 (kxa)), and kom....o. [emphatic/accreditive clause-type marker]). Like ge and kha, the latter cannot appear in subordinate clauses (Haacke, p.c., May 24, 1996).
    ${ }^{5}$ Thus 'to do' dirplus the suffix -ba changes in meaning 'to do something for someone'; double object verbs as $m a$ (give) combined with -ba introduce a third object (i), although theta relations are not explicitly expressed (ia), (ib). The sentence can only be disambiguated in a passive construction. ('Der Namasatz legt aber nicht immer den Sinn eindeutig fest und lässt es an sich, wenn der Zsmhang ['Zusammenhang' -cl] den Sinn nicht klar ergibt, offen, ob du es fur den Bruder empfangst, oder der Bruder fur dich. Um salche Unklarheiten auszuschalten, bildet man dann in Nama lieber einen passivischen Satz" [emphasis in the original]), (Rust 1965:70).

[^154]:    ${ }^{6}$ It is evident that Rust (1965) attempted to impose Germanic grammatical distinctions on Nama, as the examples in (6) are syntactically no different from the examples ( $56, c$ ); presumably the difference in temporal reference is made clear from the context. Regardless, these examples show that the exact connotation purveyed by the Nama structures do not correspond to Dutch syntax, but rather to the Afrikaans one (cf. § 2.5.1.1).

[^155]:    ${ }^{7} \mathrm{Cf} .(14), p .197$ for an example of the word order changes that occur in a free Nama tramslation of the Cape Dutch pidgin sentences.

[^156]:    ${ }^{10} \mathrm{Cf}$. foomote $6, \mathrm{p} .192$.

[^157]:    "As argued this remains difficult to demonstrate for the syntax; phonological differences and similarities between Cape Khoe, Nama and IOra are illustrated in Haacke (1998).

[^158]:    ${ }^{12}$ Translations by courtesy of Mr. Levi Namaseb and Prof. Willy Haacke (p.c. May 1996).

[^159]:    ${ }^{13}$ But, cf. Myers-Scotton (1997:156) on the dualistic status of CP: "although complementisers are syntactically functional projections (system morphemes), on the pragmatic level they can be argued to be lexical elements on their ability to assign discourse-based thematic roles such as Topic, Focus, and contrast."
    ${ }^{14}$ Cf. Den Besten (2000a:7) adducing that "Khoekhoe Dutch (Cape pidginized, relexified Khoekhoe), circumvented the problem [of creating] subordinating rightbranching CPs."

[^160]:    ${ }^{15}$ Around 1800 the present-day situation was reached. Around that time there was no longer a distinction between finite and infinitival forms of the verb. However, a number of alternate forms persisted for a long time.
    ${ }^{16}$ Perhaps partly due to the nature of the topics discussed in the letters, such as notifications of people's movements, waging war and making peace, the Nama-Oorlam texts only have a limited number of lexical items (although the letters are neither void of some biblical eloquence). Broadly speaking the main verbs in use are schrijven (to write), zeggen (say), gaan (go), komen (come), trekken (travel, move), wensen (wish), weten (know), werken (work), hinderen (hinder), geloven (belief), sturen (send), wachten (wait), horen (hear), helpen (help), zien (see), stelen (steal), moorden (murder). His orthography is largely based on the Dutch standards, for example, there are no Afrikaans forms such as skrywe- or skryf- 'to write' (either as an infinitive or finite verb). The basilectal variant kry (Dutch: kriggen 'to get') has only one attestation (Period III, in. 172). In this context it is further noted that modern Afrikaans has not always retained the Dutch equivalent of the bare verb stem form, at times the Dutch third person singular form is the prescribed Afrikaans standard (e.g. behoort 'ought to have'), at times the (adapted) infinitival (and present tense plural) form of a verb occurs, e.g. belowe (Dutch: beloven - beloof(t) 'promise', bewe (Dutch: beven - beef(t)) 'tremble', lewe (Dutch: leven-leef(t)) 'live', grawe (Dutch: graven -graaf(t)), skrywe (next to more regular skryn) and ploeë (Dutch: ploegen - ploeg(t)) 'to plough'.
    ${ }^{17}$ All assessments in this chapter are predominant tendencies in the grammar. Genuine spelling mistakes, uncertainties and hypercorrect forms should be seriously taken into account. Cf. § 4.2.3.1, footnote 37, p. 130.

[^161]:    ${ }^{18}$ Differences beiween the written schoolbook (biblical) words and the spoken language are for example witnessed by the following grave stone inscription anno 1896 , carefully chiseled out and well preserved for more than a century in the Lichtenburg burial ground: "Gedagtenis van Magtaleena MMagdalena] Rensie Maria Leroix [Le Roux?] gebooren Baatenhorst [Badenhorst] en [in] het jaar 1846 de 11 nove, overleeden de 19 feebriari [februari] 1896. Stille rustplaats van Gods dooden, ' $k$ denk aan u met zoete vreug." (NB. the '4' in ' 1846 ' is chiseled in its mirror image.)

[^162]:    ${ }^{19}$ Cf. Roberge 1993:81 who gives a similar example from synchronic ORA, inferring that complementation in the Cape Dutch Creole also featured simple juxtaposition of the main and subordinate clause.

[^163]:    ${ }^{20}$ This in contrast to Firsi Language Acquisition data, which show that children do not make mistakes against verb-second wilh inversion nule. Cf. Poeppel \& Wexier (1993), Verrips \& Weissenborn (1992).

[^164]:    ${ }^{21}$ In contemporary SA written text it is nowadays a near 'classic' signal to indicate vernacular speech. "Toe [sê] die Kaapse groenteverkoper: "Dis van sywe goed lat jy lyk soos jy lyk"." (Sarie, 16.6.1999, p.17).
    ${ }^{22}$ Those who hold this view argue against the position that the variation between dat and lat is the result of phonological variation as proposed by Le Roux (1910:107-108). An account bearing on a phonological alternation seems implausible as this would be an isolated instance of vowel-shortening as well as lateralisation (c.q. the lenition of a stop to a glide) since there is the third variant laat, whereas *dat is not attested in the Cape archival sources. See Roberge (1993:80) on the assumption that lat//aat stem from the grammaticalization of the verb laten into a complementiser.

[^165]:    ${ }^{23}$ Jan Jonker alternates randomly between te and de as an infinitival marker. Some cases are ambiguous between a phral or an infinitival marker (i) but have been given the benefit of the doubt to be intended as infinitival markers parallel to examples as in (ii).
    i. om Gods woorde verkondlgen IA, In. 291 for God's word to gospel
    iia. om darde komen 1A, in. 15 for there to come
    b. om regde mak III, In. I8 for rightio make

[^166]:    ${ }^{24}$ Period I, is divided in two sections (IA, IB) because of iss quantity. Period IIb is a subdivision which comprises the letters №. $31-37$, as the letters N上. 29 and 30 , included in Period II can be marked as transitional between the basilectal stage (Period I) and the clearly acrolectal stage (Period II).

[^167]:    ${ }^{25}$ Verb forms which in Dutch do not show the infinitival morphology (such as gaan (to go), and doen (to do), are excluded from this statistic, as well as verb structures where a participial form replaces the infinitival verb (infra).

[^168]:    ${ }^{26}$ Also in contemporary ORA co-occurrence of the participial prefix on the embedded verbs is common; cf. example (55), p. 226.

[^169]:    ${ }^{27}$ This decline in usage makes it all the more unikely that we would be dealing with an apparent orthographical 'mistake' in which the participial form replaces the infinitive. Both from a syntactic perspective regarding the placement of the elements with separable compound verbs, as well as from a phonological perspective that a voiceless fricative $[X]$ alternates with a voiceless coronal sop $[1]$, other accounts than the one presented become highy implausible.

[^170]:    ${ }^{28}$ The transition from one to two verbs [in a VR cluster], especially with untutored L2 acquisition is largely a question of developmental phases, but the iransition from two to three/four verbs often never takes place with untutored language acquirers. Also L2-acquirers who do follow instruction have trouble with the production of complex verb clusters.

[^171]:    ${ }^{20}$ The pasi lense forms in Afrikaans follow the Dutch imperfectum forms. (kon. moes, wou. mog, sou): with the exception of wil. the perfect tense forms are not available in Arikaans (i). (cf. Chapter Two. §2.5.1.1).
    ia. *Hy het ditgekan/gekon Arrikaans
    b. Hij heeft het gekund

    Dutch
    He was able to [do] it
    ${ }^{30}$ The addition of ben (to be, IS) may have triggered the participial form, but this would render it an hypercorrective construction, as in the superstrate the alternate perfect awiliary hebhen governs kriggen ("zo kan ik geen labak hebben gekregen"), which is also the more common choice in the present corpus.

[^172]:    ${ }^{31}$ Note that Jan Jonker predominantly uses main-clause word order, also in subordinate clauses.
    ${ }^{32}$ There is no correlation with the clausal type (i.e. main clauses vs, subordinate clauses with verb-second). nor with respect to the subject (singular/ plural) of the clause.

[^173]:    ${ }^{33}$ In the early letters this is often written as a prefix to the main verb, (cf. example (54), p.225).
    ${ }^{34} \mathrm{Cf}$. examples from Bolandse Afrikaans as in (i) which are similarly ambiguous, as noted by Boonzaier (1982: 216, 1989:81.1.9.2).

[^174]:    ${ }^{35}$ Alternatively this could possibly be a plural, withess that in Period II besides his regular plural form leeraars the form leraat occurs (II, in. 134, In 138).
    ${ }^{36}$ See \& 6.3.4.2 on this data for the temporal auxiliary.

[^175]:    ${ }^{37}$ Excluding Dutch infinitival forms that do not feature an [ten] suffix, such as gaan (to go) and zien (to see) there is only a marginal difference. For example in Period III the figure changes to $57.89 \%$ non-infinitival forms in main clause word order sentences with zal as the finite verb.

[^176]:    ${ }^{38}$ The meaning of the addition of ge to the verb in these instances seems to be an irrealis. This will be further discussed in $\$$ 6.3.4.2.1.

[^177]:    ${ }^{39}$ Alternatively niemer (Dutch nimmer) is intended as niemand (no-one) in an active sentence: "no-one will hinder other people..."
    ${ }^{40}$ Alternatively this is an even more obscure construction, in which zillen is the subject NP zielen, 'souls'.
    ${ }^{41}$ Note that actually only ( 52 d ) is an unequivocal subordinate clause; ( $52 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$ ) also allow an analysis as verbsecond structures (see Chapter Five, $\$ 5.2 .3$, p.168); (52c) is cither a VPR construction or can be analyzed as two modal verbs in the verb-second slot (cf. the hendiadys construction, § 5.2.5).

[^178]:    ${ }^{42}$ In Dutch syntax the modal zullen is only available with an epistenic meaning (cf. Evers 1979. Van Es \& Van Caspel 1974). The epistemically interpreted modal always has to be the governing verb and thus cannot be embedded by another modal (i). (Evers. 1979:6).
    i. * Deont modal + Epist. modal

    * Epist. modal + Epist. modal Episi. modal + Deont. modal Deont. modal + Deont. modal

    In Afrikaans, according to De Villiers (1971:83, 87), the modal sal (will) has both a persoonlike (deontic) and an onpersoontike (epistemic) value. However, this analysis cannot be accommodated by the structural analysis as presented for Dutch as De Villiers' example of deontic sal (Ek sal wag, 'I will wait) is also ungrammatical in Afrikaans when preceded by another modal (*Ek kan sal wag, 'I can shall wait'; *Ek moet sal wag, 'I must will wait').

[^179]:    ${ }^{43}$ Occasionally as a suffix to the infinitival marker te (IA, In.3); i.e. initially always as a bound mompheme rather than an unbound (auxiliary) verb.
    ${ }^{44}$ More examples in IB-ln.726. IB-ln.764. II-1n.7. II-ln.301. II- $\ln .27$. I1-1n.193. Cf. \&6.3.2.
    ${ }^{4}$ In the present corpus passives are highly irregular, ahthough nol entirely absent, many occur unmarked and I will leave them out of the present considerations, cf. Appendix I, section A, In 327-328, In. 175. In. 219.

[^180]:    to In German lassen passives are possible provided that lassen shows up as a participle. Cf. Den Besten (1989b:190ff) and the literature mentioned there.
    ${ }^{47}$ From Links 1983.
    ${ }^{48}$ A possible exception may be "en duin lad verdrap" (to let trample on my garden), Appendix I, section III, In.27. However, the addition of lad to this sentence is also contradictory to the context.
    ${ }^{10}$ Except for in Period II where it appears in sentential complements as we(e)t(t)e(n): cf. Appendix I. section 11. $\ln .67 . \ln 102, \ln 107$.
    ${ }^{50}$ Also realized as wetf ; ; in Period IH hyper-corrective forms occur such as weete in IS: "omdat ik hume doel weete" (Appendix I, section II, In. 128).

[^181]:    ${ }^{51}$ Also in inversion constructions negation generally appears adjacent to the verb in the $v / 2$ slot, or the subject in inversion constructions (AgrSP), which would translate in Dutch as constituent negation, (cf. § 2.5.1.2 and example (9), § 2.5.2.1, p.55). In example (56b) the object pronoun, considering its form (e) is possibly best analyzed as a clitic element. Note that both Nama and Dutch dialects, as well as West Flemish feature subject and object clitics (see Haegeman 1992, Stroop 1987, Zwart 1997).
    ${ }^{52}$ The Dutch participial prefix as free morpheme, marking 'tense' ([+perfect], [+past] or [-finite] cf. § 6.3 .3 ; allso § 6.3.4.2.1).

[^182]:    ${ }^{53}$ The Dutch perfect tense auxiliary zijn (to be) does occur in the present corpus but not in the Dutch systematic way. In Afrikaans the use of zijn as a perfect tense auxiliary has been discontimed. Hence coordinated structures, which would demand coordination at the level of the auxiliary and not of the verb (i) are left out of the present analysis.
    ia. Hij is gekomen en *(heeft) gewerkt.
    Dutch
    b. Hy het gekom en gewerk.

    Afrikaans
    He has come and worked.

[^183]:    ${ }^{55}$ Note that unlike the CDV data and contemporary ORA, suspension of finite auxiliaries (c.q. a participle form of the verb as the 'fimite verb') is not attested in main clauses in the present corpus. This will be discussed in § 6.5.
    ${ }^{56}$ Probably meant as voorheen, 'earlier', as the participle form of the verb is used, cf. Afrikaans (ia,b).
    ia. As u en ek voorheen *(sal) praat... If you and I shall talk before...
    b. As $u$ en ek voorheen gepraat het,... If you and I had talked earlier...
    ${ }^{57}$ Of the Germanic languages Swedish optionally has suspension of the temporal auxiliary (in the literature called ha-deletion), in restricied environments in embedded clauses (i), (see Zwart 1997:220ff. and the literature mentioned there). It seems also an option in German for both haben (to have) and sein (to be), in an archaic and stylistically-marked register (nowadays perhaps coming back into fashion in intellectual newspapers). Also in German restrictions hold that haben/sein may only delete if it is preceded by a past participle (iia), if it is finite (iib) and when it is not in the main clause verb-second position (iic), (Hans den Besten p.c., February 2000).

[^184]:    ${ }^{58}$ Irregular verb, Dutch vergieten (infinitive, present tense plural form), vergoot (past tense $1 \mathrm{~S}-3 \mathrm{~S}$ ), vergoten (past tense 1PI-3PL, participle). Present-day Afrikaans retains vergiet as a verbal form. Vergote is listed in the HAT only as an adjectival past participle (p.1173: vergote bloed, 'spilled blood'). An alternative interpretation of van bloed vergoden is possible with van read as met, in a participial phrase rather than an instance of ellipsis.

[^185]:    ${ }^{61}$ There are numerous instances with modal verbs as in (i) which should rather be analyzed as instances of sentences where both VR as well as VPR have taken place (see $\$ 5.2 .3, \mathrm{p} .168$ on the criteria for $\mathrm{v} / 2 \mathrm{vs}$. VPR). I have nothing to say about these in the present context.
    i. .ik doe ut weeten als dat ik niet kaan op die kommande kan reijde want...
    ... I must notify you that I cannot ride the commando because...
    1785 , A. Van Renssenburg, Kaapse Taalargief 75. Cf. Waher 1994b.
    ${ }^{62}$ From the corpus Cape Archival private letters as quoted in Deumert 1999 (see footnote 60, p.47).
    ${ }^{63}$ The example in (i) could be deemed a counter example as it is analyzed as such an occurrence in the main clause. However, the sentence occurs as a summary afterthought over a number of events that have been narrated, on a new sheet of paper. Therefore, the association with a relative clause ( [all] that, which Have found out now') is a pertinent reading.

    1. Dat heb ik ook nus gevienden heeft

    IB, in. 439 That havel also now found have
    $-237=$

[^186]:    ${ }^{64}$ In inversion constructions a Topic Phrase (TopP) or a Wh-Phrase (WhP) heads the structure (see Zwart 1993, 1997) and p.244, below.

[^187]:    ${ }^{65}$ In finite clauses als (as), of (in), dat (that); in non-finite clauses om (for), see (75), p. 244 .

[^188]:    ${ }^{66}$ I.e. not a moved lexical item. Cf. Chomsky 1998 on the precedence of merge over move in Minimalist terms.
    ${ }^{67}$ This, in line with Cheng's (1997:22 (9)) proposal in his analysis of wh-constructions for a clausal type node: "Clausal Typing Hypothesis. Every clause needs to be typed. In the case of typing a wh-question, either a wh-particle in C is used or else fronting of a wh-word to the Spec of C is used, thereby typing a clause through C by Spec-head agreement."

[^189]:    ${ }^{68}$ I assume the specifications of $v^{\circ}$ to be universal, but that the strength of the functional projection attracting these inherent features may differ parametrically. Based on (77) it cannot be said that clause-typing information is projected in general; both its presence in the structure and its values may fluctuate cross-linguistically. Cf. Iatridou 1990, on the intuitively disagreeable notion of positing all cross-linguistically found functional projections in $\mathbb{I P}$, language universally; Veenstra (1994) on the assumption that FPs only gradually (re-)emerge in creole languages and Lumsden (1997) for a similar point of view, but arguing that FPs become rediscovered over time by creole speakers. I refrain from choosing between the technicalities involved in these assumptions.
    ${ }^{69}$ The 'quality' of $v^{\circ}$, whether it itself might be a (semi-)functional projection is also an issue in current MP debates. However, first language acquisition data show it as a firmly established lexical element, which is "easy to acquire [...], and that light verbs are core verbs in learning the linking system between lexicon and syntax." (Hollebrandse \& Van Hout 1995). Typical instances of light verbs are maak (to make) and doen (to do).
    ${ }^{70}$ The light verb phrase ( $\mathrm{v}^{\circ}$ ) may be specified as a clause-type indicator for values as for example, [indicative], [ $\alpha$ event type], [ $+/$ negative], [ $\alpha$ truth value]. Recall from $\$ 6.2 .1$ that Nama has three different clause-type markers. The present approach will also provide for the Afrikaans double negation, assuming that $\mathrm{v}^{\circ}$ will project a NegP in the functional domain if it has the clause-type value [+negative], with nie ( $=$ nie-2) as its head. A strong value of NegP will ensure movement of the entire phrase into its specifier as proposed by Oosthuizen (1998).

[^190]:    ${ }^{71}$ The $d$-words (following Kosier 1978) are always present in the structure, but they may be silent. sometmes hase to be (sec Zwart op.cit.). The d-words and wh-words in Dutch are:

    | place: | daar (there) | waar (where) |
    | :--- | :--- | :--- |
    | time: | dan (then) | waneer (when) |
    | person: | die (that) | wie (who) |
    | thing: | dat (that) | wat (what) |
    | manner: | zo (so) | hoe (how) |

    ${ }^{72}$ Base-generation of a topicalised clause as a satellite is particularly atractive in the case when a VP is topicalised. which may show differences in word order from its non-topicalised position as in (i). (after Geilfub 1988.59 ). notwithstanding that the question why $|\ldots \mathrm{V}-\mathrm{CP}|$ is ungrammatical in many (but not all) more decply embedded contexts may be of a more general nature (ii) as pointed out by Hans den Besten (p.c.).
    ia. EEinen Film zeigen, der es in sich hat], sollten wir den Kindern. *..daß wir den Kindern [einen Film zeigen, der es in sich hat], sollten. (that) we should show the children a movie which 'does the trick'.
    b. $\quad$ Leugnen. dab die Strabe nab ist|. wuerde ich nicht.
    *..dass ich nich |leugnen, daß dic Straße naß ist|. wuerde.
    (that) I would never deny that the streets are wet.
    iia. *Hij kan gezegd [dat hij ziek is] hebben.
    It could be that he mentioned that he was sick.
    b. *..dab er wissen [ob sie krank war] moechic.
    that he would like to know if whe were ill.
    c. . daß er [ 2 u erklaeren [warum dieser Satz grammatisch ist|] nie versucht hat.
    that he has never tried to explain why this sentence is grammaticat.
    ${ }^{73}$ Apparent asymmetries in embedded clause verb-second data in Afrikanns are explained on the assumption that TopP and CP are generated in a specific order. As pointed out by Biberauer (2000) in non-standard varicties of (continued...)

[^191]:    ${ }^{73}$ (...continued)
    Afrikaans an overt complementiser does not affect applying v/2 in embedded subject-initial clauses (ia) nor in inversion constructions (ib), but the restriction that seems to hold is one of the 'nature' of the fronted topic. [+wh], [+neg] and $[+f o c u s \rrbracket$ constructions ("non-subject elements which are associated with interpretable features" op.cit.: 2) always give an ungrammatical result (ic), whether v/2 has applied or not (id).

[^192]:    ${ }^{74}$ In Myers-Scotton's $4-$ M-model called the System Morphemes (see Myers-Scotton 2000, Myers-Scotton \& Jake 2000).
    ${ }^{75}$ Other examples include the name of the town Leeu-Gamka (Afrikaans leeu 'lion'+Namagam 'lion'+ Nama ka 'river'); skoppelmaai 'a swing': skommel, (<Dutch schommel, archaic schoppel, 'a swing' + English to swing literally translated into Arrikaans as swaai (or perhaps Dutch intransitive maai 'to swing arms or legs backwards and forwards'); from the KT: orlamze schelme bosmans, 'the cunning-cumning bushmen': oorlamse (clever, cunning, savvy) + skelm (<Dutch schelm (cunning person, thief), (KT 260, 1817, after Roberge 1997).
    ${ }^{76} \mathrm{Cf}$. Lumsden 1999 for argumentation that 'double signals' as these are to be regularly expected (infra).
    ${ }^{77}$ Creale of Batavia tamanjoe (big < Portuguese tamanho (size), (cf. Leal 1978:28)) combined with Duth groot (big).

[^193]:    ${ }^{73}$ European ethonym for a northern Namibian people, combined with the Nama name for Ovambo (Navis bcing the female form:/Nawen indicating the collective, meaning 'the danglers': info. Haacke, in:Laued., 1989:271)
    ${ }^{79}$ Dutch gee(f), (give) + Nama ma (give) $+r e$, (Nama hortative/imperative particle); source: Étienne de Flacourt's vocabulary from Saldanha Bay (1655) cf. Den Besien 1987a.
    ${ }^{k 0}$ In SA adjectival reduplication is restricted to plural nouns (ia): (ib) shows that the multilingual compound is fully grammatical modifying a singular noun (cf. Botha 1984. Den Besten et al, to appear).
    ia. Dic groot-groot huis*(e)
    b. Die tamaai-groot huis(e)
    ${ }^{* 1}$ See Rowaine (1988:166-173) on the distribution of the copula across the creole continuum.
    ${ }^{2}$ From CS French-Kal'ha (anamerindian language spoken in French Guiana, from the Carib family lan SOV language-cl|: noted by Sophic Alby, Linguist List 10-1787. 11.24.1999).

[^194]:    ${ }^{83}$ Abstracting away from the status of wat in Afrikaans as either a relative pronoun or a specialized compiementiser; cf. Den Besten 1996and the references cited there.
    ${ }^{84}$ In this respect I note that there are few examples such as ( 85 c ), whereas there are many instances of the duplicated structure as in ( 85 d ). In fact there is only one clear one, ( 85 c ), besides a number of dubious cases, most of which involve a resumptive pronoun.
    ${ }^{85}$ Generally speaking only auxiliary verbs are duplicated. There is one example of main verb duplication by Jan Jonker's father, Jonker Afrikaner coincidentally with hebben used as a main verb (i). On one occasion from the present corpus the verb kom is duplicated in such a construction (ii).

[^195]:    ${ }^{{ }^{k}}$ See further the discussion of differences between nineteenth and twentieth-century ORA in \& 6.5 .
    ${ }^{47}$ Du Plessis ( $1984: 179$ ) seeks to make a connection with the Dutch free word order in two-verb clusiers dat hif de trein gemist heeft heefl gemist, the latter of which is ungrammatical in all varieties of Arrikaans: dat hy die frein gemis het *het gemis). As shown in Chapter Five, $\$ 5.2 .3, v / 2$ and $V(P) R$ are entirely unrelated mechanisms.

[^196]:    88 "As soon as the embedded clause in GA contains a modal verb as the finite verb, then this finite verb is not moved from the verb-second to the clause-final position. This variation of the syntactic rule is almost exceptionless. Thus the verb-second rule is enforced in GA embedded clauses which feature a modal verb as the finite verb." It is noted however that most of the examples of this type in GA84 are rather analyzed as VPR constructions than embedded verb-second.

[^197]:    ${ }^{k 9}$ The a-temporal value of the Afrikaans 'perfect tense' applies to all contemporary Afrikaans narratives. Conradie (1997) associates the difference between the stemform $[1]$ and the amalgamated form $[$ het . gel $\dagger$ wilh pragnatic factors: "while certain narrators (oral in particular) preferred the present tense, $[\ldots]$ often. however the wo tense categories were used contrastively. Generally speaking, the contrast could be related to backgrounding and foregrounding. but more precisely. [with reference to Labov 1972]. the present tense was the preferred tense in the narrofive mode and used for Complicating Actions in particular but also for aspects of Orienation and Result/Resolution, while the perfect/preterite was the tense combination preferred in the meta-narrative mode and used for Abstract, Evaluation and Coda as well as for aspects of Orientation and Result/Resolution."
    ${ }^{40}$ Note that the Nama remote past tense particlege is identical, and the recent past particle go almost identical. to the Dutch participle prefix ge-. Secondly. Hat litic can be said about the vowel quality of these particles in tho ninctecnh-century khoek hoe languages or the CDV. In the CDV the panticiple prefix ge-is onthographically rendered as ge-. ga-, ke- ka- (cf Roberge, 1994b:67, 71).

[^198]:    ${ }^{91}$ Unless one argues that the absence of these is a direct calque on Nama, parallel to the restriction that the Nama TMA particles camot move up when the verb is topicalised either, but then attestations of a "stranded" particle ge would have been expected.
    ${ }^{92}$ As Hans den Besten (p.c.) has pointed out, in all cases where het precedes ge-the sound sequence [tx] resulting from the reduction of het to (o)t (cf. (26), p.207) may have been reduced or simplified to $x$, or was perhaps not noticed by the transcriber. Likewise (97b) may involve a phonetic reduction of oumense-t-nie.

[^199]:    ${ }^{03}$ Prof. C.J. Conradic has suggested that ghoemag heis may be gemakhuis(ie), 'convenience, toilet'.
    Ana Deumert (p.c.. June 2000) informed me that suspension of the temporal auxiliary is not uncommon in the mon-standard varieties of German, as still spoken in Namibia with examples from hor recent field research as in (i).
    
    "s That ie is indeed a modal particle follows from the paraphases below. in which the modal particle correlates in cach instance with a modal verb.

[^200]:    ${ }^{96}$ Decisive substrate influence may not be absent in this development. As Haacke 1995:26 remarks on incorporated verb structures in Nama: "It is conspicuous that most, albeit not all of the incorporated verbs are verbs that do not take overt tense/aspect markers, viz. Igoaxa 'approach', ga(r)u 'move on', má 'stand', \|goe 'lic(down)'.
     Afrikaans hendiadys verbs (see §5.2.5). Unfortunately a deeper investigation is beyond the scope of the present study.

[^201]:    ${ }^{07}$ Recall that from a theory internal perspective $\mathrm{v} / 2$ is a Last Resort operation (see $\S 6.3 .5$ ).
    ${ }^{0 \%}$ Cf. footnote 73. p.244. quoted from Biberauer 2000 (her examples (21a) and (22)). A similar discrepancy arises in SA with the participle form of 'io be' (is. PRC: gewees) as shown in (i) for which I have no explanation. Noticeably there are duplicated occurrences. not unike the types discussed in this chapter in GA84 (ii).
    ia. .dat hy voorheen Griekwa gewees hetwas.
    that he before Griqua been has/was
    b. *hy het voorheen Griekwa gewees.
    c. Hy was voorheen Griekwa gewees.

[^202]:    ${ }^{0.5}$ See p. 204, footnote 21.
    ${ }^{100} \mathrm{Cf}$, De We 1998 , who assesses the use and functionality of non-siandard Afrikams forms of language in literary works, reaching the overall conclusion that stercotyping is a predominant factor.

[^203]:    ${ }^{101}$ Note that there are cases in which there is a phonological overlap between reduced lat and het to $\partial 0$ ค 't, (see p. 207).

[^204]:    ' Alternatively: om (u) te verzoeken, 'to request (you)'.
    ${ }^{2}$ Imnovation: hoofd, 'chief, important advice.
    ${ }^{3}$ Could also be ontvallen, 'slip away, lost'. It is not clear how to interpret this phrase, or in which relation the verb gekomen is added.
    ${ }^{4}$ Alternatively it reads: Als u, mijn liefhebbende ooms, zulke praatjes recht spreken..., 'If you, my loving uncles, talk such stories right...'

[^205]:    'Alternatively: Waarom zou [jiij] lieve oom, Gods woord verlaten. 'Wy would (you), dear uncle leave God's word'.
    ${ }^{6}$ In non-standard varieties $l a(a) t$ has developed into a complementiser (see Roberge 1993:80. and Volume I, Chapter Six, §6.3.2, p.204-205). Alternatively this sentence could be glossed: Iaat hem u harten regeren, 'let him rule your hearts'.

[^206]:    1 Vergieten requires the object to be of a liquid substance; rather bedorven, 'wasted'.

[^207]:    ${ }^{8}$ Quite clear what he means to say, but hard to imagine which word he actually had in mind.

[^208]:    ${ }^{12}$ Nama name for Ovambo (/Nowis being the female form; /INowen indicating the collective, meaning 'the danglers': info. Haacke. in: Lau ed., 1989:271).

[^209]:    ${ }^{14}$ Mes. 'knife'?
    ${ }^{15}$ Afrikaans loan from Malay. Dutch: jasje.
    ${ }^{16}$ Infelicitous choice, rather: spreken, 'speak' or praten 'talk': note that he does know and use the former lemma: alternatively verde is a misspelling of urede 'peace'.
    ${ }^{17}$ Rather zaken, 'business'. Cf. footnote 13 , above.
    ${ }^{18}$ This can be analyzed as a subordinator hoe dat 'how that', as a temporal auxiliary, as in contemporary Afrikaans hoe het 'how has' or as the object preposed to the subject, 'how it Kamaharero has done', which is a standard word order in Nama (Rust 1965:57). See Volume 1, Chapter Six.
    ${ }^{19}$ Jan Jonker generally uses the preposition uit for the notion 'to return'.
    ${ }^{20}$ This would be the sole instance of the correct possessive pronoun, first person plural in this corpus. Alternatively ons is the dative object: Toen willen de Damaras niet aan ons de goederen afgeven. then the Damaras did not want to give us back the goods'.

[^210]:    ${ }^{21}$ Perhaps he rather meant: Waarvan beschuldigt $u$ ons, 'what are you accusing us of. Or, Wat verschuldigen wij aan $u$, 'what do we owe to you'. Object-subject-verb word order is a standard option in Nama, see § 6.2.1.1.
    ${ }^{22}$ Perhaps another instance of object-subject inversion as the sentence makes more sense with an interpretation where Vollmer has accused Jan of neglecting God's word, cf. footnote 21, above.
    ${ }^{23}$ In contemporary Dutch an unergative verb cannot be coordinated in the perfect tense with an ergative verb, as the choice of auxiliary differs (hebben and $z i j n$, respectively). Afrikaans no longer makes this distinction and the construction would be grammatical.

[^211]:    ${ }^{24}$ Most likely an abusive word, where the Dutch would be: een 'oonduin' als gij heb ik nict nodig, (a 'oonduin' as you are, I can do without). Perhaps Afrikaans ondeund (/ondeug, <Dutch ondeugend), 'naughty'.
    ${ }^{25}$ The form of address Jan uses is a combination of two formulae in Dutch: mijn geliefde heer B. and mijn liefhebbende heer $B$.

[^212]:    ${ }^{26}$ Colloquial Dutch variant of naakt, 'nude', Van Oordt (n.d.) makes note of the two forms coexisting in the 1770 s Cape Criminal records, (CJ 400, 1770, opp. p. 244 and on p. 254).

[^213]:    ${ }^{28} O p$ or in would be the correct preposition in Dutch.
    ${ }^{29}$ This infinitival perfect is quite superfluous in this sentence; te vergieten would do. If at all, te hebben vergoten would be the (standard Dutch) preferred word order.
    ${ }^{30} \mathrm{Na}$ would be the correct preposition in Dutch.

[^214]:    ${ }^{31}$ Omwille der vrede is the correct Dutch formulation.
    ${ }_{32} \mathrm{Cf}$. line 185, above.
    ${ }^{33}$ Uit elkaar halen or door elkaar maken would be the correct Dutch expression.

[^215]:    ${ }^{34}$ Could also be strak(s), 'later'.

[^216]:    ${ }^{35}$ In Standard Afrikaans the preposition vir (<Du. voor) has largely replaced the Dutch alternation aan/voor with dative objects. It is attested since the earliest written records of the Cape Colony. See Volume I, Chapter Two, \& 2.5.1.3.
    ${ }^{36}$ Rather meant: verminderen, 'to lessen'.

[^217]:    ${ }^{37}$ Novel compound from Dutch achter (behind) and Southern Dutch klappen (talk/tel1), probably based on the Nama compound lhoa-lga, 'speak+ back', meaning "talk behind someone's back" or "re-discuss; again talk about (someone)", depending on the melody of the compound (Haacke 1995:20). Cf. section IB, In. 461 .
    ${ }^{38}$ Met 'with' would be the appropriate preposition.
    ${ }^{39}$ Flemish alternative for sinds.
    ${ }^{40}$ The combination of future auxiliary ( $z a l$ ) with the participial form of the verb seems to indicate an irrealis, throughout this letter.

[^218]:    ${ }^{4}$ Could also be trouw (<getrozw), 'faithrully'.
    ${ }^{42}$ Unclear passage; probably Willem wants the wagons back, which were taken by the Afrikaner commando when they raided Rehoboth in August 1864 (see Appendix II).

[^219]:    ${ }^{43}$ Although the handwriting is clear, rather 3PL: $z^{i j}$.

[^220]:    ${ }^{44}$ Aanzeggen, 'notify', archaic, formal Dutch.

[^221]:    ${ }^{45}$ Equivalent words in correct Dutch: wat betekent die plaats (positie) 'what does the position entail'.

[^222]:    ${ }^{46}$ Aanzeggen, 'notify', archaic, formal Dutch, separable compound verb.

[^223]:    ${ }^{47}$ Possibly voor, 'for' or ver, 'far'.
    ${ }^{48}$ Standard Afrikaans demonstrative 'that' next to hierdie (this), which has replaced the Duth paradigm which distinguishes between Gender (deze, dit (this), die, dat (that)). The latter (hierdie) does not appear in this corpus. The former (daardie) occurs on five occasions; in the examples the deictic reference of daar can still be observed in the combination, (cf. Roberge 1996b).
    ${ }^{49}$ This could be a dative object: aan Daniel.

[^224]:    ${ }^{50}$ Could also be waren 'goods, assets'.
    ${ }^{51}$ Note the absence of verb-second, implying the omission of an auxiliary or aspectual verb (perhaps staan). It could also be a passive sentence. Cf. the passive construction in $\ln .327-328$, above.

[^225]:    ${ }^{52}$ See footnote 48, p. 27.
    ${ }^{53}$ Gedaan occurs as a completive marker (cf. In. 391 , infra), but also in the sense of 'to be finished': "[he rather wanted] dood gaan, gedaan raken" (to die, to be destroyed), (Jonker Arrikaner to Hahn, 1853, see Volume I, Chapter Three, $\S 3.2, p .86$ ) in which case this is a coordination: "...to destroy and murder."

[^226]:    ${ }^{54}$ Nama word-order, see footnote 21, 22, above.

[^227]:    "Present day Afrikaans: mos.
    ${ }^{56}$ Tussen, 'between, amongst' is the correct preposition in Dutch.
    « Allernatively gedaan can be read as a completive marker (cf. Den Besten 1987:19-20. Roberge 1993:75).
    ..om [als] de rode mensen gedaan gemoor |zijn], dan zal u dit land krijgen '..for. when the red people are done murdered, then you will obtain this land'.

[^228]:    ${ }^{5 *}$ Alternatively used as an adjective "Is u my nog vriendschappelijk /gezind/"
    ${ }^{50}$ Alternatively welen is a verb (to want) an lue intended: ik heb gehoord dat u niet meer mijn wiendschop wil hebben. 'I have heard that you do not want my fricndship any more'.

[^229]:    ${ }^{60}$ Although Dutch *maken te verzamelen; Jan Jonker frequently makes use of a 'light verb' such as maken to express himself.

[^230]:    ${ }^{6 i}$ He rather would have meant spoedig (an early reply).

[^231]:    ${ }^{62}$ Southern Dutch colloquial variant of naakt, 'mude'. Cf. footnote $26, \mathrm{p} .14$.
    ${ }^{63}$ Afrikaans loanword from Malay. Dutch: jasje, pronounced as Jan Jonker writes it.

[^232]:    ${ }^{64}$ 'On credit', new formation likely parallel to the religious idiom schuld dragen, 'to carry guilt' where Dutch schuld also means financial debt.
    ${ }^{65}$ Note the spelling conform the synchronic Afrikaans pronunciation of diminutives. But, cf. IB, $\ln$. 598.
    ${ }^{65}$ Perhaps he meant to write sukkelen (3S: sukkelt), 'to struggle'.

[^233]:    ${ }^{67}$ Non-sense combination of official-style, introductory formulae.

[^234]:    ${ }^{6}$ Possibly om te gach werken instead of a coordination.

[^235]:    ${ }^{69}$ Hole in the paper.

[^236]:    ${ }^{70}$ A rare case of the object marker vir in Jan Jonker's speech. See Chapter Two, § 2.5.1.3.
    ${ }^{7}$ Dutch: overtuigen, 'to convince', rather getuigen 'to witness'.

[^237]:    ${ }^{72}$ Rather: vakmanschap, 'competence', the responsibilities of the missionary.

[^238]:    ${ }^{73}$ Alternatively: vreedzaam, 'peacefull', cf. In. 545 . (infra) where vrede functions as an adjective.
    ${ }^{74}$ Perhaps: beledigd, 'insulted'.
    ${ }^{75}$ Also possible: verloochend hebben, 'have renounced, repudiated'
    ${ }^{76}$ Clearly the perfect participle serves as simple past (imperfectum) and was would be the better translation; Jan cannot mean they have been a nation, that that state of being had ceased.

[^239]:    ${ }^{71}$ Could also be intended to be wagen, 'wagon'.

[^240]:    ${ }^{78}$ See footnote 48, p. 27.

[^241]:    ${ }^{79}$ Alternatively: met, 'with', in a prepositional phrase.
    ${ }^{80}$ Jan usually clarifies his intentions with "dat is (de) wens van mij(n)".
    ${ }^{81}$ Cf. previous line and previous footnote.

[^242]:    'Rather: met, 'with'.

[^243]:    ${ }^{2}$ Rather: toestemming, 'consent'.

[^244]:    'Could also have been Duitser, 'German'. (In spoken Afrikaans often corrupted to Duister.)

[^245]:    ${ }^{4}$ Zeggen, 'talk'? From the preceding preposition it is clear that something like inmenging, 'meddling, interference' is intended.

[^246]:    'A lose page in the RMG-files.
    ${ }^{6}$ Alternatively this could be an NP: vanwege Kamaharero's wil, hebben zij geen vrede..., 'because of Kamaharero's will, they are not at peace...'
    'Obscure sentence. This could also be a verb willen 'to wam': daarom hebben Atsâbs mensen niet ['] willen mijn vrede, 'therefor Atsab's people didn't want [?] my peace'.

[^247]:    ${ }^{8}$ Unclear what his intention to say is: it could be dan, 'then I will have ...', or it could be an irrealis: of zou ik..., 'whether I would have...'
    ${ }^{9}$ Vlucht (geviuche zijn), 'flee'?
    ${ }^{10}$ Nincteenth century name for the Orange River.

[^248]:    " Double formation from Dutch dat wil ik nief hebben, 'I don't want it', combined with: dat heb ik met nodig. 'I don't need it'.
    ${ }^{12}$ Alternatively: trekken 'to trek', in a VR cluster in German word order (see Volume I, Chapter

[^249]:    ${ }^{13}$ Unclear, perhaps van, 'from'.
    ${ }^{14}$ Maybe intended as: $u$ heeft zich als een van mijn vijanden geopenbaard, 'you revealed yourself as one of my enemies'.

[^250]:    ${ }^{15} \mathrm{Na}$, 'after'.
    ${ }^{16}$ He confuses the words verzoeken, 'request' and onderzoeken, 'research'.

[^251]:    ${ }^{17}$ Double comparative, Dutch: nog erger.
    ${ }^{18}$ 'For the time being'.

[^252]:    19 Rather: met, 'with'.

[^253]:    ${ }^{20}$ Dog: originally the simple past form of Dutch dunken (refl.; 'think, seem'). The HAT opposes this form as archaic, formal speech, to the regular perfective form het gedink, without mentioning het gedog as an option. However, WAT lists gedog as a participle form for the dubitative verb and mentions dog also in use as a present tense form: "Jy dog glad te veel", "Moenie dog nie". See Volume I, Chapter Two, § 2.5.1.1, p.50.
    ${ }^{21}$ Perhaps goederen 'goods, things'; Dutch: iets, een ding.

[^254]:    ${ }^{22}$ Could have been intended as vrede, 'with my peaceloving heart'
    ${ }^{23}$ Rather: beloofd, 'promised'.

[^255]:    ${ }^{24}$ Unclear, from the context the intention is rather analysed as the future tense.
    ${ }^{25}$ Correct word order: Waarom hebben de Damaras [het] nodig om ..., 'Why need the Damaras to...'

[^256]:    ${ }^{29}$ Cf. Volume I, Chapter Three, $\S 3.1 .2$, foomote 9, p. 67 , and Appendix II, letter 17, foomote 97.
    ${ }^{30}$ Perhaps a combination of: hoeveel het is, 'how much it costs' and hoeveel zal ik u geven, 'how much shall I pay you; how much do I owe you'.

[^257]:    ${ }^{33} \mathrm{Cf}$. Standard Afrikaans watter, 'which'.
    ${ }^{34}$ Considering the systematic [p] - [b] alternation at the onset, alternatively: Bokke(veld)berge, ( $31.09 \mathrm{~S}-18.58 \mathrm{E}$ ) which is closer to the Orange River than Piketberg ( $32.55 \mathrm{~S}-18.45 \mathrm{E}$ ). Cf the mention of Topnaars who came from the Bokberg in Section II, In.137. Hahn mentions the Bokkeveld, but not mountains (Lau 1984-1985:87). Another possibility is the Erongo mountain range, north of Karibib (21.59S-15.51E) referred to by Lau ed., 1989:299, as well as a certain peak in it, as Bokberg.
    ${ }^{35}$ Note in Afrikaans daardie is the standard form for demonstratives. See section IA, footnote 48 , p. 27.

[^258]:    ${ }^{42}$ Afrikaans: darem, 'nevertheless' (<Dutch: daarom, 'therefore', 'hence', 'just because').
    ${ }^{43}$ Perhaps: beschaamdheid, 'humiliating existence'.
    ${ }^{44}$ Perhaps bul, 'bull'
    ${ }^{45}$ Rather: gauw, 'soon'

[^259]:    ${ }^{46}$ Perhaps spelled: zam, as in line 403 , below.

[^260]:    ${ }^{49}$ Afrikaans word for meloen, 'melon'.
    ${ }^{50}$ Afrikaans word for mais, 'corn'.

[^261]:    ${ }^{51}$ Cf. section IA, footnote 57, p. 33 .

[^262]:    ${ }^{52} \mathrm{Cf}$. section IA, In 220 and footnote 37, p. 20.

[^263]:    ${ }^{53}$ Unclear, could also be omkeren, 'turn around'.

[^264]:    ${ }^{54}$ Alternatively: dezelfde, 'the same'.
    ${ }^{35}$ Afrikaans: watter, cf. footnote 33, p. 73 .

[^265]:    ${ }^{56}$ Anglicism in Dutch. Standardly accepted in Afrikaans, also as a verb: hy sit en storie (HAT:1030).

[^266]:    ${ }^{57}$ Dutch: bloedverwanten, 'relatives'.
    ${ }^{58}$ Unclear, perhaps: Waarom ik het zo mag, 'Why like it this way' or, Dat het zo mag wezen, 'That it may be that way'.
    ${ }^{59}$ Unclear, perhaps: zij moeten levend worden, 'they must come alive' or, zij zijn levend geworden, 'they have come alive'. Another possibility is: [zij ook] leven naar het woord, namelijk bij..., 'they also live according to the word, namely at....'

[^267]:    ${ }^{60}$ Dutch: afspreken, 'agree upon', separabie compound verb.
    ${ }^{61}$ Willempke, southern Dutch diminutive variant to standard Dutch Willempje, Willempie. Note that this is not in line with the Afrikaans development of diminutives (cf. Raid 1982:183).

[^268]:    ${ }^{62}$ Afrikaans adverb which consistently developed into an adverb of degree or focus particle. Dutch:
    tamelijk, nogal; Dutch braaf is 'virtuous, good'; braaf as an adverb of degree is uncommon in modern Dutch.
    ${ }^{63}$ Alternatively: zo ben ik nu omgekeerd [7], 'thus I turned around'. Cf. In.496, above.

[^269]:    ${ }^{64}$ Afrikaans idiom: vast, 'stuck' and keren, 'tum'; Dutch: tegenhouden.

[^270]:    ${ }^{65}$ Ambiguous between an active sentence (that the Berseba people did something), or a passive one (that something was done by them). See the context further down this letter.

[^271]:    ${ }^{67}$ SVO-order; Dutch; ik zal zo'n mens laten doodschieten.

[^272]:    ${ }^{58}$ Cf. In. 496 and In. 620 , above.
    ${ }^{69}$ Dutch: inderhaast.

[^273]:    ${ }^{70}$ Afrikaans Verbal Hendiadys Construction, see Volume I, Chapter Five, § 5.2.5. Dutch: staan uit te delen. Afrikaans: staan (en) uitdeel.

[^274]:    ${ }^{3}$ Alternatively: hoe min rekent uny of, 'how little respect do you return'.
    ${ }^{72}$ Note the SVO order in the verb-cluster. Dutch: Zal ik u laten blijven stelen? See Volume I, Chapter Five.

[^275]:    ${ }^{73}$ Possibly: palen, 'poles'.

[^276]:    ' Dutch: enigiets, 'something'.

[^277]:    ${ }^{2}$ Difficult to decide if this is a locative phrase or a relative clause: De Damaras die van onderop komen. ziin hier gekomen, 'The Damaras who came from down under, have come here'. The sentence is excluded from analysis.
    ${ }^{3}$ Alternatively: uillaten, 'said, proclaimed', of. the translation in Vedder (1938) in footnote 4, below.
    ${ }^{4}$ Unclear, perhaps some sort of plant (tabak, 'tobacco'?) or gatan)-pak, inpakken 'pack up'; Vedder 1938 [1966:408] translates the sentence "Herero's who come here tell us that we ought to pull out our dagga [camabis satival and tobacco and leave this place and go to Rehoboth."

[^278]:    ${ }^{5}$ Wikar (1935: 111) talks about gammis, which he explains as Hottentot's beans. Hacke (p.c.) could not confirm or deny Vedder's (footnote (4), above) nor Wikar's explanation. Alternatively Gamen could perhaps be the plural of Gam, 'bandanna', see $\ln .25$, below.
    ${ }^{6}$ Dutch expression: van 't jaar, ('of the year', Afrikaans: vanjaar 'of year'): 'this year'.
    ${ }^{7}$ Afrikaans: volstruis.
    ${ }^{8}$ Wikar (1935: 125) mentions the Hottentots making kams, a sort of bandanna made of the tail from a jackal or other animal, pulled over a thin stick which they use to wipe the sweat off their brow. They also made these of small ostrich feathers which they artistically braided together and wound around a stick.

[^279]:    ${ }^{9}$ Could also be beginnen, 'begin'.

[^280]:    ${ }^{10}$ Alternatively formal Dutch: de uwen, 'your [people!'.
    "Alternatively an infinitival complement: om daar iets te doen, 'to do something there'. Cf. In. 52 , below.

[^281]:    ${ }^{12}$ It could also have been meant: met allen die mij aangaan, 'with all those of my concern'.

[^282]:    ${ }^{13}$ The target may have been: de aan de plaats verbonden zijnde rechten.
    ${ }^{14}$ Intended: om zulke arbeid te moeten verlaten, dat zou voor niemand aangenaam zijn (wezen).

[^283]:    is Perhaps belet, 'prevented, hindered', thus: "I am still being prevented".

[^284]:    ${ }^{17}$ Rather: over, 'about'.

[^285]:    ${ }^{18}$ Rather: $o p$, 'on'.
    ${ }^{19}$ Incorrect sequence. Dutch: die nog haastig wachten.

[^286]:    ${ }^{20}$ Dutch: vergaan van de honger, 'perish'.

[^287]:    ${ }^{21}$ Not a verb; Dutch: oorlog te maken, 'to make (wage) war'.
    ${ }^{22}$ Rather: ding, 'thing'; een ding, 'something'.
    ${ }^{23}$ Rather: vanwege, 'because of.

[^288]:    ${ }^{24}$ Edible bulbs: Morgea edulis longifolia.
    ${ }^{25}$ Or a relative clause: uwe onderdanen, die zutlen handelen naar ..., 'your subjects, who will act...'

[^289]:    ${ }^{26}$ Uit uw eigen, 'from your own'.
    ${ }^{27}$ Dutch: vermaken, 'to amuse', 'to divert'. The nuance seems to be: If you divert a man's attention [from violent impulses? , men will be reconciled/pacified. In Vedder ( 1938 [1966:4091) this is translated "treated kindly".

[^290]:    ${ }^{31}$ Herero word: Ich bitte dringlichst, 'T ask you urgently', according to the typescript of the manuscript by dr. Vedder.

[^291]:    ${ }^{32}$ Schriftgeleerden, 'erudite people', aliernatively witte, geleerde mensen 'white, learned people'.

[^292]:    ' Interpreted with temporal reference: 'roundabout'. Alternatively: Afrikaans stryk, 'manner, way'.

[^293]:    ${ }^{2}$ Could perhaps be a contraction: Hij is het, (he is it), 'it is him' or, Afrikaans einste (<Dutch eigen + ste), superlative of 'own, self': 'the very person'. Cf. In. 140, below.
    ${ }^{3}$ Cf. $\ln .15$, supra, however, Dutch: *gekwetst gekregen zijn.

[^294]:    ${ }^{4}$ Rather: dingen, 'things'. Cf. Section IA, In. 104.

[^295]:    'Afrikaans: darem, 'nevertheless' (<Dutch: daarom, 'therefore', 'hence', 'just because').

[^296]:    ${ }^{6}$ Transcribed according to the original manuscript (see Volume I, Chapter One, p.6).
    ${ }^{7}$ In all hikelhood missionary Eich, cf. Jan Jonker's letter to Eich, dd. 31.1 .1881 (№ 42 , included here).

[^297]:    ${ }^{8}$ Altematively a passive sentence: nimmer zullen andere mensen verhinderd/worden/, 'never will other people be prevented'.

[^298]:    ${ }^{9}$ Could also be vergaderen, 'to meet'.
    ${ }^{10}$ Unclear, could be a reflexive de hoofden zijn zich verplicht or an early instance of an associative plural as is common in present day Afrikaans (pa-hulle, 'father-them').
    "Reyse, reijse (obsolete in modern Dutch). Cf. 'Daghregister, Jan van Riebeeck, April 1654, ln.2433, Van der Merwe 1969:75; also attested in the KT, a.o. in no. 172. Hilletjie Kervel, dd. 31 August 1748 (st.6/1).

[^299]:    ${ }^{15}$ Alternatively Afrikaans einste 'the very (Saturday)', cf., In.19, above.
    ${ }^{16}$ Leeraars could both be a genitive form, or a plural form. I treat this instance as the latter. Cf. In. 150 . below.

[^300]:    ${ }^{17}$ There is another possible interpretation of this sentence (i), which could be put forward as evidence of Nama word-order, where the object pronoun is moved sentence initially (IS $2 S$ hoor, ' 2 S hear 1 S ', see Volume I, Chapter Six), relexified with Dutch vocabulary. However the sentence is too cryptic to decide either way.
    i. Als wij weer zien dat de Damaras weer uit het leraars huis uit [V], wij schieten dan verzekerd. Mij u hoort en verstatat mij goed.
    'If we see again that the Damaras [V] from the teachers house, we [wil] shoot then for certain. You hear and understand me well.'

[^301]:    ${ }^{18}$ Dutch: *jullie zijn kumnen, however, semantic equivalent of in staat zijn 'to be able to'.
    ${ }^{19}$ Alternatively: brieven is used as a verb of. English 'to brief someone'.

[^302]:    ${ }^{20}$ Alternatively an infelicitous passive construction: een brief waarin wij worden gevraagdover de vrede. 'a letter in which we were asked about peace'.
    ${ }^{21}$ Alternatively an infelicitous passive construction: Het is door die twee mannen dat het vele bloed gestort wordt, 'It is because of (by) those two men that so much blood is spilled'.

[^303]:    ${ }^{22}$ Dutch: *moeten kunnen kwalijk nemen, 'must cän take amiss'. Cf. kan in in. 160, above.

[^304]:    ${ }^{23}$ Alternatively dus, 'thus'.

[^305]:    able to attest instances with uit.

    | ia. | Hy oor die berg |
    | :--- | :--- |
    | He overs the mountain |  |
    | 'He crosses the mountain' |  |
    | b. Hy het geaf |  |
    | 'He has offed |  |
    | 'He has died' |  |

[^306]:    ${ }^{1}$ Jonker Afrikaner dicd of an iuflammation he had contracted on a trip to Ovamboland (Lau 1987:127).
    ${ }^{2}$ The letter from missionary Vollmer to Jan Jonker in answer to these accusations, dd. 15.10.1863, is included here, between letter № 4 and № 5, p.193-195.

[^307]:    ${ }^{3}$ Leader of the Swartboois, a powerful Nama-Hottentot polity at Rehoboth under missionary Kleinschmidt. The address 'father' is rather used as a term of endearment, as Jan Jonker and Willem were sooner life-time enemies then friendly because Willem most often sided with Kamaharero (Lau ed., 1989:314). Because of this, Jan Jonker ousted the Swartboois and their missionary from Rehoboth a year later, in August 1864. However, also in subsequent letters (cf. № 8, dd 3.11.1866) Jan Jonker addresses Willem as 'father' and refers to a kinship relation ("for you are my mother's blood"). At the same time this casts doubt on who Jan's actual mother was, as his father's wife is mentioned only as Beetje Booi, from the Oorlam polity of the Bethany people (see footnote 4 and 5).
    ${ }^{4}$ Likely the brother of Jan's father's wife, Beetje Booi (see footnote 3). There is another Jacobus Booi(s), who is a brother of Jan Booi(s), not to be confused with Jacobus Booi(s) (also Frederiks) the eldest son of Jan Booi(s), who was the chief of the Boois people from the 1860 s (see footnote 5). Then again, in letter № 27 Jan writes about the death of Jacobus Booi as his father-in-law (Appendix I, Section B, In. 748).
    ${ }^{5}$ Jan (John) Boois, also called Jan Frederiks, leader of the Bethany people until the mid 1840 s when his son David Christian (Boois/Frederiks) succeeded him. There is some confusion about their name: Boois is reportedly a change from Buys which they made when they fled the Cape Colony to avoid persecution; they lived with missionary Knudsen. David Christian split from the Bethany people for good in the mid- 1850 s dropping their sumame altogether.

[^308]:    ${ }^{6}$ Franz Heinrich Kleinschmidt, Rhenish missionary under the Swartboois at Rehoboth from 1845 till his death (2.9.1864). He died of exposure after fleeing from Rehoboth, when it was attacked by Jan Jonker's commando in August 1864.
    ${ }^{7}$ Rheinische Missions Gesellschaft, Gemmany.
    ${ }^{8}$ Refers to the death of his father, Jonker Afrikaner, two years earlier (18.8.1861).
    ${ }^{9}$ Refers to the death of his brother, Christian Afrikaner who died in battle a few months earlier (15.6.186.3).

[^309]:    ${ }^{10}$ Friedrich Wilhelm Weber. Factory worker and general assistant before he entered the Rhenish mission seminary in 1854; he was a missionary at Berseba 1857-1860, in Gobabis 1860-1885, in Warmbad 1867-1880, then he lef for the Cape.
    ${ }^{1}$ Hoachanas, de. 15 Oktober 1863 Aan Jan Afrikaner Met verwondering heb ik uwen brief gelezen deen gij aan mijn geschreven hebt. Het lijk mijn dat gij het welt nog erger maken dan uwe overleden Vader. Zeg mijn toch: met welke redenen en regt kunt gij mijn beschuldigen dat ik uwe bloed vergiet? Wamer hebt gij gezien of gehoord dat ik iemand doot gemakt hebt of cenen anderen den rad gegeven on dood te maken? Schamt gij u niet om zulke dingen in de wereld te Schreven? Ment gij dat u dat zal eere bregen? Nun, Jan, dien hebt gij uit gedach. Ook beschuldigt gij mijn dat gij door mijnen Raad al veele zielen verioren hebt. Zeg mij tocht Jan, wanner hebt ik ulieden eenen raad gegeven om oorlogt te maken? Hebt ik ulieden naar Azab gestuurt om daar menschen te moorden, was dat mijne raad? Hebt ik ulieden zulk eenen raad gegeven?

    Toen ik met a gespreken hebt toen hebt ik met $u$ over het word gods gespreken en niet over oorlogt. Gij beroept u ook op de Traktat dien de Hoofden van het Land uitgedacht heben. Maar waarom zijt gij dan een overtreder van die Traktat? En uwen overleden broeder heeft hun ook overtreden. Waarom hebt gilieden dan niet naar die Traktat gedaan, wan die Traktaat zegt in Artikel 3 als volgt: Geen Hoofd word Loegelaaten kommando te doen of te laaten doen naar de Damras, zoo staat en de Traktaat; en nu hebt gijlieden het zonder wettelijk oorzak [overtreden] en zijt daar over aan stukken geslagen worden. Was dat nu mijn schuld dat gijlieden het verbond gebraken hebt? Hebt ik wlieden zuik een raad gegeven? Was het met uhieden eigen boosheid dat gij gegaan zijt om bloed te vergieten en dat nogt met bedriegerij en list.

    Gijlieden hebt voor eenen anderen enth kuil gegraven maar gilieden zijt in den kuil gevallen dien gil gemakt hebt: $z 00$ zegt het word gods in Psalm 7 vers 16 . Mar het is dat ulieden het word Gods veracht en gedurig van u weg staat: daarom heef God de almachtige ulieden nu ook eens in de handen von uwe vijanden overgegeven. Bij God is het een

[^310]:    ${ }^{15}$ Franz Heinrich Vollmer, Rhenish missionary, worked in Rehoboth from 1848-1853; established Hoachanas (see footnote 16, below) as a missionary station for the Red Nation under chief //Oaseb in 1853. He died 3.2.1867. a victim of the ongoing conflicts between the various parties. In ill-health he and his family had to be abandoned in a hasty retreat and although he was taken exemplary care of by the 'enemy' (the Afrikaners), his life could not be saved. See further Lau 1987:138.
    ${ }^{16}$ Nama: /Hooxa!nôs, established as a mission station for the Kai//khaun (Roonasie. Red Nation. sec footnote 47) under chief//Oaseb by missionary Vollmer in 1853, but with hardly any inhabitants for many years as //Oaseb was based along the Fish and Skaap Rivers. The settlement was abandoned in 1866 and re-established in 1873
    ${ }^{17}$ European name for //Oaseb, the paramount chief of the Kai//khaun (Rooinasie. Red Nation) who lived with missionary Vollmer (see footnote 16, above). He was a close ally to Jan at all times; he died shortly after they got defeated by a combined Berseba-Gibeon commando in 1867.

[^311]:    ${ }^{18}$ (...continued)
    legd, on zy dan onwillig zyn zich daar onder le buigen, en de Hoofd onmagtig is hen te bestraffen. Dan zal de naaste hoofd verpligt zyn om die hoofd tot hulp te komen om de zaak te bestraffen.

[^312]:    ${ }^{20}$ Not traced in this spelling.
    ${ }^{21}$ Possibly missionary Brincker, Rhenish missionary at Otjimbingwe 1863-64, later at Otiikango (Gross Barmen, Neu-Barmen) 1864-1878 (Lau ed., 1989:296). (Cf. letter № 17, Appendix I, Section B, In. 240 mij Heer Breker wel Barmen dreken 'Mr. B. wants to move to Barmen'.) Otilikango was named 'New Barmen' because the missionaries had been compelled to leave their first station, Barmen (Windhoek), named after Barmen in Germany. the seat of the RMS (Lau ed., 1984-1985:1279).
    ${ }^{22}$ Possibly Daniel Cloete, preacher, evangelist, Bible translator and interpreter, close associate to Hahn. Sec foomote 40, infra.

[^313]:    ${ }^{23}$ Also Schaffluss (German). Today: Skapp River, derived from Nama Gub, '(nale) sheep'. Reporiedly close

[^314]:    ${ }^{28}$ See footnote 23.
    ${ }^{29}$ See footnote 3.
    ${ }^{30}$ One of Willem's younger sons. Also a Swartbooi leader, although apparently Willem's position was taken over by an elder son, Abraham Swartbooi at some time between 1864-1867.
    ${ }^{31}$ In August 1864 Jan had ousted the Swarboois from their settlement at Rehoboth; they apparently oniy regrouped in 1867 at Ameib. Cf. " 1866 ". It is unclear where they are at this point in time or who the leader is.
    ${ }^{32}$ There does not seen to be any kinship relation between them though, as the Swartboois are a Nama-Oorlam tribe. However, also in other letters he addresses Willen as "father'. Cf. footnote 3.
    ${ }^{33}$ Phenish missionary Franz Kleinschmidt. See foomote 6.

[^315]:    ${ }^{34}$ See footnote 23.
    ${ }^{35}$ See footnote 3.
    ${ }^{36}$ Unclear passage, see Appendix 1, Section A, In. 256.

[^316]:    ${ }^{37}$ Possibly Tsauchab (Tsaoxab), dead-end river West of Maltahohe (Nienaber \& Raper 1980 [1977]:1050).
    ${ }^{38}$ Not clear what he is referring to.
    ${ }^{39}$ Wife of missionary Kleinschmidt. After he and the Swarboois were routed from Rehoboth, Kleinschmidt died from exhaustion, (see 1866 letters). Mrs. Hanna Kleinschmidt joined Hahn in Otjimbingwe and worked for the RMS as a teacher and shop assistant (Lau ed., 1984-1985:1269).
    ${ }^{40}$ Most probably Daniel Clocte, close associate of Hahn (Lau ed., 1984-1985:1250). Lau (ed., 1989:300) notes that he and Samuel Gertze (see footnote 41, infra) were the pillars of the RMS establishment. However, MicKiernan (1954:83) characterizes him as a drunkard: "We returned to Okombake or Natbout, as the place is called by Hottentots [..]. There is a missionary at Natbout in charge Clute, a Baastard; but Daniel is fond of brandy, and brandy and religion do not work well together, so his success was not very great. He was finally dispossessed by the society before I lef the country."
    ${ }^{41}$ An employee of the RM , worked in various capacities, amongst which as an agricultural instructor for Herero converts. After his wife died (April 1861) and lef him with 8 children he married the first baptised Herero speaking woman, Johanna (Urieta), who was a servant, teacher and linguist to Hahm; she worked with Hahn on a Herero-German grammar; she could speak Dutch, German, English, Nama and Herero (Lam ed., 1984-1985:1296).

[^317]:    ${ }^{42}$ See Volume I, Chapter Three, § 3.1.3, and above.
    ${ }^{13}$ Interpreter for Kleinschmidt in the 1840s (Herero/Dutch). He became involved in the political and military conflicts. He died just after the "first war", the battle of Otimbingwe, 23.6.1863.
    ${ }^{44}$ However, Lau ed., 1984-1985:1273 reports that Amral and all his family died in a small pox epidemic in 1864 (also Preller 1941:65). Amraal was a cousin of Jan's father, who had come from Clanwilliam (Cape) to Namaland in 1814. It could be that he is referring to a raid on Gobabis in April 1865 by groups of Mbanderu. See Lau 1987:136.
    ${ }^{45}$ Johann Georg Krönlein, missionary. He worked at Berseba, learned Nama from Daniel Cloete (see footnote 40) and became a renowned linguist in later years.
    ${ }^{46}$ Hermann Heinrich Kreft, missionary. He worked in Bethany.
    ${ }^{47}$ Red Nation, (Kai//khaun or Rooi Nasie), under chief //Oaseb (Cornelius). Actually the most senior of the

[^318]:    ${ }^{47}$ (..continued)
    seven or eight Nama-groups. Strong allies of the Afrikaners (Lat ed., 1984-1985:1262, Nienaber 1989:817ff, of. Volume I, Chapter Three, $\$ 3.1 .2$ ). The name is often used by Jan as an umbrella tem in opposition to 'whites' and 'blacks' (Bantu), but cf. letter № 13, where Jan denies having anything to do with any 'Red Nation'.
    ${ }^{48}$ See footnote 37.
    ${ }^{49}$ Headquarters of the RMS in Germany. Also used to denote either present day Windhoek or Otikango (Neu Barmen). Cf. footnote 21.

[^319]:    ${ }^{50}$ In this context Lau (1987:140) speaks about the so-called "pagan-reaction". No further details provided except for references.

[^320]:    ${ }^{5}$ See the introduction to the year 1868.
    ${ }^{52}$ See footnote 40.
    ${ }^{53}$ See footnote 41.
    ${ }^{54}$ See the introduction to the year 1868.
    ${ }^{55}$ *Goraxab //Oasemab, successor and son of chief //Oaseb (Cornelias) of the Red Nation Nama (see footnote 47) since 1867. Closely allied to Jan Jonker.
    ${ }^{56}$ See footnote 4 and 5.
    ${ }^{57}$ Two of the letters are unclear in dating (one has no date on it as the first page of the letter seems missing, the other is dated May 17, no year. As the RMG-files are (ordinarily) in a continuous sequence, I presume the letter of May 17, to be written in 1869; the undated one some time between May and June 1869. The Namibian Archives in Windhoek accession A237 comprises two folders of RMG letters. The first one (in which these letters are to be found) seems entirely in consecutive order of dates of the letters. The second folder is not always this consistent. The organization is not recorded.
    ${ }^{58}$ I am indebted to $H$. Waher for being able to include this letter. As the Cape Town archives are organized perhaps quite differently from the Windhoek or London kept missionary correspondences, photocopied duplicates are not easily obtainable; the alternative of microfilmed copies proved too time consuming and impractical, therefore this letter is outside the set format of keeping length of line etc. according to the originals. A reproduction of the last two
    (continued...)

[^321]:    ${ }^{58}$ (...continued)
    paragraphs can be found in the SWA-1976.

[^322]:    ${ }^{60}$ Sir Philip Wodehouse, governor of the Cape Colony 1862-1870.

[^323]:    ${ }^{61}$ Not traced.
    ${ }^{62}$ Historical name for the area that comprises northern Namibia, southern and southern central Angola, inhabited by closely-relared Bantu-speaking groups.
    ${ }^{63}$ See Volume I, Chapter Three, $\S 3.1 .3$ on Andersson and Green as trading partners in Namibia.
    ${ }^{64}$ In the Andersson correspondence (Lau ed., 1989) only Henry and Richard Haybittle are mentioned, both as junior partners of Andersson; (Harry may be a misspelling of Henry, Dick [in the ms. spelled Deck] may be the calling name for Richard?).

[^324]:    ${ }^{68}$ Not traced.
    ${ }^{69}$ Not traced.

[^325]:    ${ }^{70}$ See footnote 59.
    ${ }^{7}$ Philip Wodehouse, Cape governor 1862-1870. Cf. letter No. 13, dd 22.04 .1869 in reply to certain accusations.
    ${ }^{72}$ See footnote 62.
    ${ }^{73}$ Most likely Paul Goliath, reportedly a peace-loving chief of the Oorlam Hottentots at Berseba. Paul died on 15.4.1869, which could date this letter earlier. However, Jan might not have heard of his decease earlier. Cf. letter №. 16, dated June 10, 1869 in which he mentions Paul's death.

[^326]:    ${ }^{74}$ The Orange River, in those days also referred to as Groot Rivier or Grossfluss (big river), a literal translation of its Nama name Garieb (cf. Volume I, Chapter Four, p.134).
    ${ }^{35}$ See footnote 59.
    ${ }^{76}$ See footnote 21.
    ${ }^{n 7}$ See footnote 49.
    ${ }^{78}$ One of the original Nama groups inhabiting central Namibia at the turn of the last century. They became subordinated on a communal and an individual level to the Oorlam groups from the 1830 s . By the 1870 shey had dispersed with only a small impoverished group remaining at the coast (Lan ed., 1989:315).

[^327]:    ${ }^{79}$ Chief of the Bethany Oorlams from 1847-1880 (Lau ed., 1989:296; cf. footnote 5).
    ${ }^{80}$ Chief of an Oorlam group, under missionary Samuel Hahn at Berseba. Known as a peace-loving ruler He died 15.4.1869.
    ${ }^{83}$ See footnote 62.
    ${ }^{82}$ Not quite clear which ethnic group(s) he refers to with this term.
    ${ }^{83}$ See footnote 47 .

[^328]:    ${ }^{84}$ Not traced in this spelling.
    ${ }^{* s}$ Kido Witbooi, also Kiwiso, Cupido or David. Leader of the Witboois who settled at Gibeon in 1863, described as a gifted and much-respected chief. Grandfather of the 1880 s leader Hendrik Witbooi.
    ${ }^{86}$ Cape Governor at the time was Sir Philip Wodehouse. See letter № 13 .
    ${ }^{87}$ Not traced in this spelling.

[^329]:    ${ }^{98}$ Note that in the earlier letters ( ${ }^{\circ} 97$, № 13) he mentions that his wife was killed, after the war of 1863. Nothing further is known about Jan's wife (/wives). Cf. footnote 26.
    ${ }^{99}$ Not traced, likely a relative of Daniel Cloete, who was a close associate to Hahn (see footnote 40).
    ${ }^{100}$ See footnote 78.
    ${ }^{101}$ Not traced. It camnot be Abraham Swartbooi.
    ${ }^{102}$ Possibly the present day Erongo mountains. Cf. Appendix I, section B, letter № 18, In. 292, footnote 36, p.73. Could also be Piketberg, an area 150 km north of Cape Town where most Oorlam factions originated from. Cf. Ross 1976:14.
    ${ }^{103}$ See footnote 41.

[^330]:    ${ }^{104}$ One of Willem Swartbooi's sons who succeeded his father as chief between $1864-1867$, after the Swartboois had been ousted from Rehoboth by an Afrikaner commando.
    ${ }^{105}$ No mention of these two chiefs is made anywhere elise.
    ${ }^{106}$ See footnote 55.
    107 Unclear which peoples or tribes he refers to with this term.

[^331]:    ${ }^{108}$ About 40 km . South of Otimbingwe, frequently mentioned by trader Andersson (cf. Lau ed. 1989, map 3); not on today's maps.
    ${ }^{109}$ Possibly Warnbad, litteral translation of the Nama name |Aillgams, where Jan substitutes -bad (bath) for the more correct translation '-water'. This would make the distance Jan must have covered to get to Remhoogte over a 1000 kilometers.

[^332]:    ${ }^{n 0}$ Possibly Oas [Oas], overnight rest place (uitspanning) on the $f$ Nossob river, situated somewhere in the region of Gobabis. Cf. Nienaber \& Raper 1980 [1977:]A 948, B 670.
    ${ }^{11}$ Khoekhoe with varying degrees of white blood in their veins. No pejorative meaning, socially of a slightly higher standing then the Oorlam (Nienaber 1989:170ff.). See Volume I, Chapter Three, § 3.1.1.
    ${ }^{112}$ Indigenous people to southem Africa, also know as the San. They live a nomadic existence, socially on the lowest ends of the scale (cf. Nienaber 1989:188-211 and Volume 1, Chapter Two, §2.1).

    113 See footnote 78.
    ${ }^{114}$ Chief of the Berseba people mpon the death of his brother-in-law Paul Goliath in 1869 . See footnote 80.
    ${ }^{115}$ See footnote 79.

[^333]:    ${ }^{116}$ Cf. previous letter (N${ }^{2}$. 20, dd 30.10 .1869 ) in which Jan also reports David Christian to be delayed.
    ${ }^{117}$ See footnote 114.
    ${ }^{118}$ See footnote 85 .
    ${ }^{119}$ Saul Boois, also called Saul Frederiks (cf. footnote 5), split off from the Bethany Boois who settled in the Swakop area in the mid 1850 s .
    ${ }^{120}$ Possibly Petrus Gertse, an assistant for missionaries in the 1840 s .

[^334]:    ${ }^{[2]}$ Not traced in this spelling.
    ${ }^{122}$ See footnote 114.
    ${ }^{123}$ No mention is made of Jacob Vleermuis. Paul and Piet Vleermuis came to Namaland from the Cape with chief Amraal Lambert (1814), with whom they stayed at Bethany for several years.
    ${ }^{124}$ One of the original Nama groups who were setted in present southern Namibia, between the Orange River and the upper reaches of the Fish River. The name, a literal translation from Nama (//Hawoben, Haboben) refers to a kind of sandal worn by the people (Nienaber 1989:457ff).

[^335]:    ${ }^{12}$ Nol traced in this spelling
    ${ }^{126}$ Sec footnote 4.

[^336]:    ${ }^{127}$ Cf. the original, Appendix I, section IB, line 594 and footnote 48.
    ${ }^{12 x}$ See footnote 29 .
    ${ }^{129} / /$ Oaseb (see footnote 17), leader of the Red Nation (see footnote 47). He was succeeded by his son Barnabas (see footnote 55 ).
    ${ }^{130}$ Not traced in this spelling.
    ${ }^{131}$ Oorlam polity established under Paul Goliath in 1850 with missionary Samuel Hahn. Cf. footnote 73 and 80.
    ${ }^{132}$ See foomote 114.
    ${ }^{133}$ Only one Saul could be traced: Saul Boois (also called Saul Frederiks), although he reportedly setted in (contimued...)

[^337]:    ${ }^{133}$ (...contimued)
    the Swakop area in the mid-1850s (Lan ed., 1984-1985:1248).
    ${ }^{134}$ Not traced. Cf, reference to 'Petrus' in footnote 30 as one of Abraham Swartbooi's sons, 10 'old Petrus' (perhaps Petrus Gertse) in footnote 120 and footnote 135 below.
    ${ }^{135}$ One of the sons of Willem Swartbooi (?). Nothing known further (Lau ed., 1989:314); cf. footnote 134.
    ${ }^{136}$ Not traced in this spelling.
    ${ }^{137}$ Historical name for the areas north-west of the Orange River, in modern day central Namibia. In contrast Little Namaqualand comprised the whole north-western region South of the Orange River in the Cape Province. Today the name no longer refers to Namibia buif only to the Cape Province.
    ${ }^{13.8}$ See footnote 78 .
    ${ }^{139}$ Perhaps Obab [llObab| Between the Narob and Soutrivier. Nienaber \& Raper 1980 [1977]A950.
    ${ }^{140}$ Possibly the son of Paul Vleermuis who came from the Cape with chief Amman Lambert in 1814. Member of the raad (council) at Gobabis.

[^338]:    ${ }^{141}$ Clearly another member of the Gobabis family but no details could be traced.
    ${ }^{142}$ Solomon Aponda (?), Mabanderu chief of Barmen (Vedder 1938 [1966:]430).
    ${ }^{143}$ Son of Willem Swarbooi, succeeded his father between 1864 and 1867 after the Swarboois were ousted from Rehoboth by an Afrikaner commando. Most of the time allied to Kamaharero.
    ${ }^{144}$ Aris, (Nama probably: //Aris) approximately 20 km . south of Windhoek (Lau ed. 1989: 110. Map 2).
    ${ }^{145}$ See footnote 12.

[^339]:    ${ }^{152}$ See footnote 144
    ${ }^{153}$ See footnote 137.
    ${ }^{154}$ Johann Georg Schröder. From the literature, initially the details around missionary J. G Schröder are conflicting. Vedder (1938:398) notes "When Schröder died in 1868,..." Lau (ed., 1984-1985:1290) also lists Joham Georg Schröder to have died in 1868 . However it was confirmed that there were two missionaries Schröder by the same initials, both working for the RMG:

    Joham Georg Sur. 81803 , worked in Wupperthal 1833-1847, in Saron 1847-1849 and in Pella 1849-1868. He died on 25.12.1868.
    His son Johann Georg Jr. went to South Africa in 1863, worked in Berseba 1863-1866. in Keetmanshoop 1866-1871, in Windhoek 1871-1880, in Warmbad 1881-1883. in Kommaggas 1883-1894 and left the mission in 1895. He died in 1898. (B.Faulenbach, United Evangelical Mission (Archiv- u. Muscumsstiflung). Wupperthal, Germany, p.c.). See Volume I, Chapter Three, $\$ 3.2 .1 .2$, foomote 87 .
    iss See footnote 40.
    ${ }^{156}$ See note 78.

[^340]:    ${ }^{157}$ Also Otjozondjupa, far to the north of Windhoek ( $20.28 \mathrm{~S}-17.13 \mathrm{E}$ ), a landmark in border matters between the Afrikaners and the Herero (Lau 1987:30,46).
    ${ }^{158}$ See footnote 142.
    ${ }^{159}$ Nothing know further about this trader. Cf. Vedder 1938 [1966:407].

[^341]:    ${ }^{160}$ See note 140 .
    ${ }^{161}$ Not traced
    ${ }^{162}$ See footnote 114.
    ${ }^{163}$ See footnote 55.

[^342]:    ${ }^{148}$ See foomote 145.

[^343]:    ${ }^{169}$ Perhaps the river Nossob (Nama: $\neq$ Nosob river, in the letter (in dr. Vedder's typescript) written: + Nosob). cf. letter $\mathrm{N}^{\circ} 29$.

    170 1835, Fraserburg district, Cape Colony - +Rehoboth 1905. Baster leader at Rehoboth since 1870 .
    ${ }^{171}$ Vedder ( 1938 [1966:413]) quotes from a letter from Jan Jonker dated February 17, 1872, of more or less the same content ("...the district of Rehoboth was not given to Hermanus van Wyk as his property, but he is very pleased with the place and he does not wan to leave it. It is for this reason that I have summoned Abraham...") However neither in the typescripts, or in the Index accompanying this collection this date appears. Only the letter of May 17, 1872 is listed (NA A003, Inhalt, letter no. 4).
    ${ }^{172}$ Edible bulb: Morgea edulis longifolia.

[^344]:    ${ }^{173}$ See footnote 62.
    ${ }^{174}$ See footnote 144; nothing known further about the incident.

[^345]:    ${ }^{175}$ Possibly rather dr. Theophilus Hahn than missionary Carl Hugo Hahn. Cf. Vedder 1938 [1966]:414.

[^346]:    ${ }^{176}$ See footnote 114.
    ${ }^{177}$ Not traced.
    ${ }^{178}$ Chief of a polity of Basters in Rehoboth. He sided more with Jan Jonker than with his own kind, which added to the instability of the peace (cf. C.H. Hahn's comments anno 1873, quoted in Nienaber 1989:179). Vedder describes Piet Beukes as a Griqua, "who was considered in Jan's council as a very clever and careful adviser" (1938 [1966:433]). He was apparently beheaded for no particular reason on a trading visit to Hereroland in 1890 (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:51).

[^347]:    ${ }^{180}$ See footnote 162.
    ${ }^{181}$ See footnote 178.
    ${ }^{182}$ See footnote 114.

[^348]:    ${ }^{1 \times 3}$ See footnote 144.
    ${ }^{184}$ Unclear in manuscript (see Appendix I, Section III, In. 78), it could be a Mr. Eigner or possibly missionary Friedrich Eich, who started a Herero mission station in 1873 at Otjiseva, South of Okahandja. No further references.
    ${ }^{189}$ William Coates Palgrave, humter and prospector in Namibia. From 1869 he held several Cape Civil service posts: in 1876 he was appointed Cape Special Commissioner for Nanaland and Hereroland to determine their possible annexation by Britain (Lau cd., 1989:311; see also Vedder 1938, Gollblatt 1971),
    ${ }^{186}$ Perhaps Andries Lamben, since 1864 the leader of the Gobabis people (also called Lamberts people. or the Khauas Hottentots). They occupied a strategic kind of 'border posi' on the main trade route to Ngamiland (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:241).

[^349]:    ${ }^{190}$ Not traced in any spelling variant.
    ${ }^{101}$ Not traced.
    ${ }^{192}$ Most likely Rooibank, $19 t h$ century Topnaar settement, also called Scheppmannsdor. in memory orthis missionary who died there in 1847. Nama name /Awathaos (Lau ed., 1984-1985:1290, 1989:312).
    ${ }^{103} \mathrm{Sec}$ footnote 178.
    ${ }^{194}$ Trader, hunter, and well acquainted with the terriory He possessed considerable infuence wim Europeans and natives both in South West Africa and beyond its borders. Later functioned as a go-between for the Trekboers with the Portuguese government (Vedder 1938 [1966:421]).

[^350]:    ${ }^{195}$ Landungsagent of the Rhenish Mission.
    ${ }^{196}$ Apparently an Arrikaner settement. Witbooi narrates: "On I May |1889| our war party of 84 men went out again. On 2 May the first settlement was raided at Witte ! Kham River. On 3 May $\ddagger$ Hau-xas was attacked, and on 4 May burned down. The compounds of Jan Afrikaner and Jan Frederiks were spared. On 5 May we went home" (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:24). Later that year, on August 10, 1889 Jan Jonker was killed. See footnote 187.
    ${ }^{197}$ Heinrich Ernst Göring. Commissioner for German South West Africa from 1885-1890.
    ${ }^{195}$ Manasse !Noreseb. (disputed) successor of Barnabas (see footnote 55) as leader of the Red Nation.
    ${ }^{199}$ AWitbooi leader of a separate group. He had died in battle against Hendrik Witbooi in the previous year. (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:249).

[^351]:    ${ }^{200}$ This probably refers to the Basters living in !Noreseb's realm and based at Kalkfontein. many of whom decided to join Witbooi, not to the Rehobothers (Heywood \& Maasdorp 1995:30).

