

GENERAL JOUBERT, COMMANDER OF THE TRANSVAAL FORCES.



GENERAL SIR REDVERS H. BULLER, Commander-in-Chief of the British Troops in South Africa.

man, he accepts his peculiar position as nominal Premier with perfect complacency. It is five years since Mr Hofmeyr ("Onze Jan" he is popularly called throughout South Africa) retired from the Cape House of Assembly, on the ground of falling health, but since that he has shown far more mental and physical vigour than any two members of the present Administration. He has reduced lobbying to a science. During the heated debates

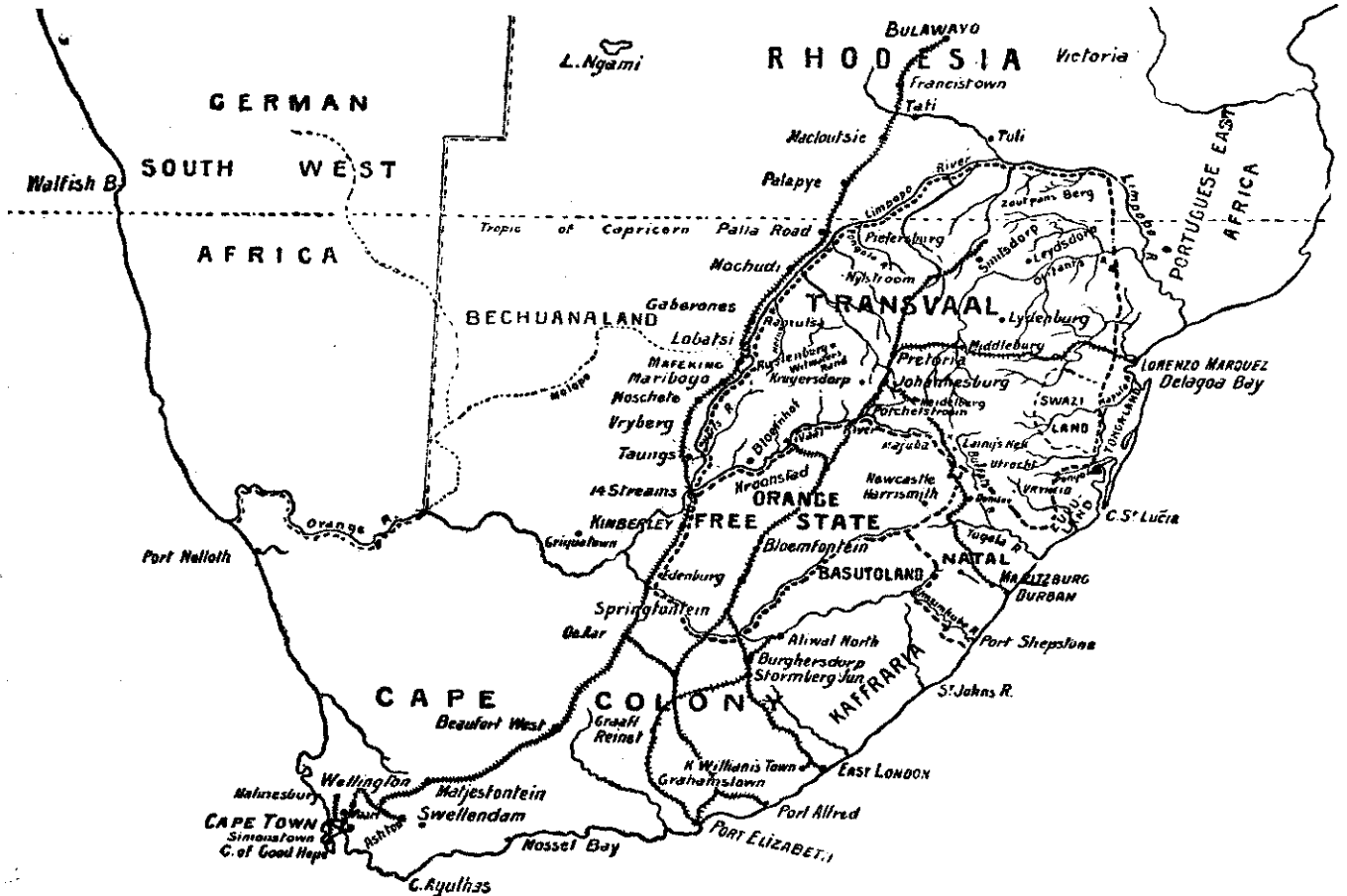
of the last three sessions, Mr Hofmeyr was perpetually seated in his famous seat in the gallery, sheltered from the general gaze by a broad pillar. From this coign of vantage he listened to the attacks which were frequently made upon him, and he merely smiled in response to Sir James Stewwright's sneering invitation to come down from the gallery and take his seat in the House, where he could be answered in Parliamentary fashion. He still visits

the library of the House—which is supposed to be sacred to members—and last session the attention of Mr Speaker was called to this breach of the discipline of the House, and an angry debate was the result, but Mr Hofmeyr continues to attend "in the interest of the Afrikaner party." Mr Hofmeyr, who was born in Capetown in 1844, is intensely loyal—to the Afrikaner people. His loyalty to the Queen takes a secondary place, and it is just as well to remember this at the present time.

Sir Garnet Wolseley to the Gold Coast in September, 1873, and served as D.A. Adjutant and Quartermaster-General and head of the Intelligence Department throughout the Ashantee war of 1873-4. He took part in the Kaffir war of 1878-9, served through the Zulu war of 1897, receiving the Victoria Cross for his gallant conduct at the retreat of Imhlobo. Sir Redvers served in the Boer war of 1881 as Chief of the Staff to Sir Evelyn Wood, with the local rank of Major-General. He served also in the Egyptian war of 1882, in charge of the Intelligence Department, and was present at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir. He was engaged in the Sudan campaign under Sir Gerald Graham in 1884, in command of the First Infantry Brigade. Later on he served in the Sudan as Chief of the Staff to Lord Wolseley. When Sir Herbert Stewart was wounded, and Colonel Burnaby had been killed, he took command of the Desert Column, 1860 in China, and with the 1st Battalion on the Red River (U.S.A.) expedition of 1870. He accompanied

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General the Right Hon. Sir Redvers Henry Buller, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.C., who is in command of the British forces in South Africa, entered the army in 1858, served with the 2nd Battalion 60th Rifles throughout the campaign of 1860 in China, and with the 1st Battalion on the Red River (U.S.A.) expedition of 1870. He accompanied



MAP OF SOUTH AFRICA, SHOWING THE TRANSVAAL AND ADJACENT TERRITORIES.