

dents of the war that followed was the slaughter at Majuba Hill, where, in 1881, a regiment of British troops was defeated, with the loss of their leader, Sir George Colley, by a greatly superior force of Transvaal Boers. Majuba Hill has become famous in the story of South Africa. It is claimed that the conditions upon which peace was finally secured have been violated.

The contention of the Boers is that the agreement of 1881, by which the British had secured certain rights, was set aside by the Treaty of 1884, and the British had no longer any right to regulate the internal affairs of the Transvaal. On the other hand, England contends that the convention or treaty of 1881 has never been abolished or impaired. The British Government, acting upon this interpretation, has insisted upon certain changes in the domestic government of the Transvaal touching the franchise, education and parliamentary representation, which were emphatically refused by the Boers. The people of the South African Republic refuse to grant what the British demand, and deny them any say in the affairs of the Transvaal.

This is the issue which diplomacy failed to settle, and which resulted in an appeal to arms and the God of battles.

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