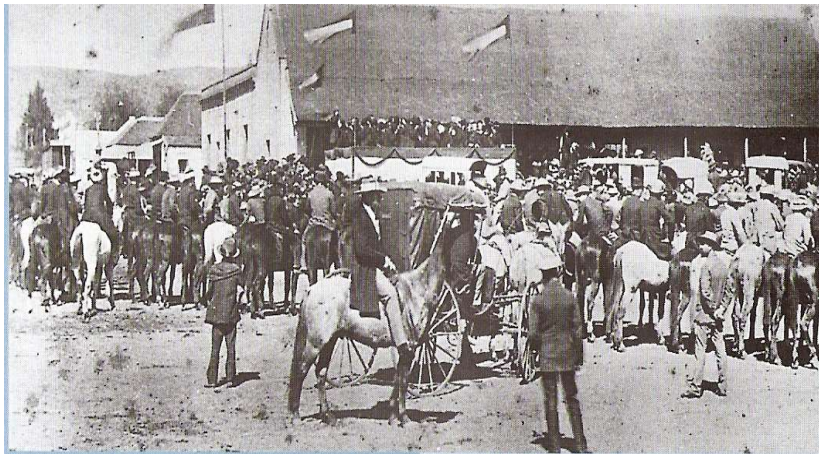


The History Of Dullstroom – pre 1900



During the first Anglo Boer war of 1881, the Boer forces heavily defeated the Colonial troops at Majuba Hill in Natal. This victory was applauded in the Netherlands and resulted in renewed appreciation for the opportunities to renew bilateral cultural and economic ties with Transvaal Republic.

At the time Europe, and in particular the Netherlands, were in a deep economic recession and immigration to the Transvaal offered an ideal opportunity to escape the recession. In the 1880's the Hollanders recognised that England had the



monopoly in the global wool trade and saw opportunity to manufacture the raw wool into uniforms for the army and navy. With this in mind they reasoned that the Transvaal Highveld would be ideal both in the geographic and climatic context for their wool farming enterprises

In the early 1880's throughout the Netherlands there were a number of "support committees" formed to provide financial and moral support to the Transvaal Republic.



Beelaerts van Blokland and the Amsterdam businessmen *Jan Janson* (1848-1906) en *Wolterus Dull* (1851-1901) actively pursued the idea of Dutch emigration to South Africa. *Dull* was also the director of the "*Maatschappij ter bevordering der Handels-betrekkingen tusschen Nederland en Zuid-Afrika*"

Jan Janson

Wolterus Dull

