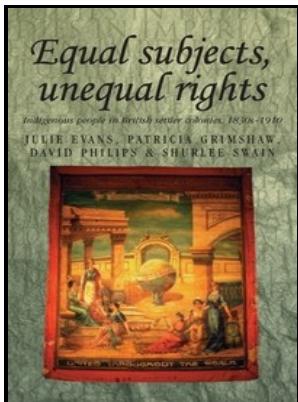


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It was governed under a form of , with the Crown being represented by a governor-general. In 1909, Lord Elgin, the British Colonial secretary, met with the leaders of the different colonies in South Africa and discussed the issue of a potential union as well as a proposed constitution for the Union of South Africa. The principle objection of this convention was that Britain would no longer be able to intervene on behalf of the native people and that the relationship between them and the Crown would be broken.

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The Boer Republics, however, were chiefly concerned by British attempts to annex their self-declared republics, a move that would once again put them at the mercy of capital and politics as dictated by England proper. Since was never officially annexed as a fifth province, it's capital, , was never officially recognized as the country's fifth capital. With the passage of the in 1931, the Union and other dominions became equal in status to the United Kingdom, and the Parliament of the United Kingdom could no longer legislate on behalf of them.

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The 33 delegates assembled behind closed doors, in the fear that a public affair would lead delegates to refuse compromising on contentious areas. Subsequently, the Union of South Africa generally regarded South West Africa as a fifth province, although this was never an official status.

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The various component states of were still simmering after the last bout of British expansion, and inter-state tensions were high. This policy was known as indirect rule.

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The this time refused to even discuss the idea, and Prime Minister of the called the idea badly informed and irresponsible.

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These laws and the formation of the Union were important factors leading to the formation of the South African Native National Congress on 8 January, 1912, in Bloemfontein, renamed the African National Congress in 1923.

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