



Flag of the Republic of Stellaland (1882)

The small Republic of Stellaland was formally created on July 26, 1882, around the town of Vryburg, which was founded as its capital.

The Republic of Stellaland born by a peace agreement between the Government of the ZAR (the Zuid Afrikaanse Republiek, literally: "South African Republic", the Boer Republic in the region of the Transvaal) and the chief Mankaroane (pro-British), who ceded Batlaping territories to it, after being defeated by the Koranna tribe (pro-Boer). David Massouw, chief of the Koranna, defeated Batpling with the help of some Boers, who had promised land in exchange of help in battle. This pact was respected and 416 Boers received their farms. On this land they proclaimed the Republic of Stellaland. The name of the Republic (literally: "Star Land") derives from the "Great Comet" (C/1882 R1) of the 1882, visible during the decisive battle.