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OBA OWA OF IJESHA-LAND
AND
ONI OF IFE

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PREFACE

It must be obvious to all and sundry that many destructive criticisms had been levelled against Oba Owa of Ijeshaland in particular, and Ijeshas in general, from time to time by some inexperienced historians of Ife in the Lagos Dailies.

Before the British advent, it was quite impossible for Ife people to disrespect Oba Owa of Ijesha as their overlord and protector.

When the inter-tribal war was raging among the Ijeshas and Ibadans, it was Oba Owa of Ijesha and his war lords, like Ogedengbe Ghogun-goro, Ogunmodede Olukanti, Arimoro Ojogbede-lori-ogun, Obe Aita Ija, Fabumi Orara lada, Lalubi Sekere Ogun, Loye Igigun, Alemo Gureje ka oko, Japa Aje-ku-gangan omo Asaobi, etc, who deputised Arimoro to defend and protect Oni and his people at Ile-Ife from Ibadan and Modakeke invaders before they could gain their victory.

It is therefore indispensable to dilate on the authentic history of the Oba Owa of Ijeshaland and Oni of Ife, so as to enlighten the public, about the true position of the Oba Owa and Oni of Ife.

As the press controversy had been in evidence some years ago between the Ijeshas and some unscrupulous historians of Ife, as to who is eligible as a rightful successor of Oduduwa of Ife between the Owa and Oni, this has prompted me to publish this short history of our indigenous race.

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