

John Mullins
Conway Castle
Cape Town
Dec 22nd 1879

C163/129

Dear Sir
Arrived here
safely on Friday last
at once applied to the
authorities to see the
King was refused by
Government's orders I
learn the King himself
requested to see me
but his request was
not granted such is
the treatment they call
good treatment no

no one allowed to see
him who can understand
him and let the truth
be known why cannot
a commission of enquiry
be got up and sent
out to enquire into
these affairs I saw
the King this morning
on the Walls of the
Tower I saluted
him from the road
which runs past the
walls of the Tower
He knew me at once

and shouted out to
me saying is that you
Johnny on my answering
yes he put his head on
the wall and his hand
on his mouth and remained
in that position for some
time I was ordered
away he waving his hand
to me as I went from
the interpreter I learnt
that he had asked to see
me and was very
anxious to see me
I start for Natal by
S. J. Melrose today
Yours &c John Bullins &c