

23 Lynton Road,
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His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town,
Bishopscourt,
Claremont,
C.P.

My dear Archbishop,

I am glad that you approve of the proposal that I should write the life of Geoffrey Clayton. I agreed to Bishop Thorne's proposal only on the condition that I would start the biography with Clayton's arrival in Johannesburg. Nevertheless it would be a good thing if one started off with either a chapter or a prologue telling something about his earlier life.

I have one great difficulty and that is my wife's health. It seems to me that I would have to spend some time in Cape Town and some time in Johannesburg and make a few shorter visits to other places. I shall discuss the whole matter with her and see what can be done because I would like to start as soon as possible. If there is a delay you will know what my difficulty is.

With best wishes for the new year.

With respect,

Alan Paton