

PC 11/7/26/83
P.O. ANERLEY,
South Coast,
Natal.

5th March, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Forbes,

Thank you very much for your welcome letter. I was very pleased to hear that we are welcome to come and see you.

I am going to Johannesburg on Monday 9th and expect to be home on the 11th. It is very kind of you to ask us to come for the weekend, so, if it suits you, we shall leave here on the 14th arriving at Komgha in the afternoon. We would leave again on Monday morning (16th) for Somerset East to see Mr. Bull. Would this be convenient for you?

Mrs Paton is typing the first six chapters now and they will be sent to you as soon as they are complete. I hope that you will make whatever criticisms you think should be made. I have tried to set down the truth, and I sincerely hope that you will not find any parts of it painful to read. If you do, you must tell me. When one writes the Life of a man it must first of all be true, but as you know I had a great affection for J.H. and it is my hope that he will emerge from the book as a good and brave man.

It will be impossible to write his story without dealing with his mother's possessive love because he would have been quite a different man had it not been for her. You will see therefore why I decided not to do anything with the book while she is alive.

I do most sincerely hope that you will enjoy these chapters and that you will help me to give a truer picture of his childhood days.

Kind regards to you all from us both.

Yours sincerely,