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President General: A.N.C.,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear President,

The truth of the matter is that I am not well. Since Xmas Holidays my health gave my friends cause for anxiety. I am much better now.

I received your letter which is not quite clear to me. It seems to be levelling a complaint against me. I had no idea that I had to hand over to you anything. I did no material work in your absence except to attend the Conference in Bloemfontein. In view of the wording of your letter I have decided to leave Durban on Monday the 27th to be with you on Tuesday to arrange for the Committee Meeting to be held in Bloemfontein on the 1st Feb.

As you are well aware I know no more about the Congress other than what you told me. I have never met Dr.Naicker in my life. I have met Dr.Dadoo in Pretoria last November. I have never met the Passive Resistance Committee. I note that they have invited you to a function. It is my opinion that they should not have overlooked to extend an invitation to the Natal Officials of the Congress. Your coming down here expressly for them might be exploited by our enemies. If you had advised me earlier I would have arranged that the African Congress should receive you first before you attend their function. You are aware that I had to look to the Working Committee which was placed under Mr.Selope Thema for a lead in all the matters. Being far away from the Head Office, the work which was divided, some, I had to leave it to the Working Committee. I am surprised that there has not been a reception.

My time was not very pleasant during the proceedings of the Conference in Bloemfontein. Some of the resolutions were against my attitude. There were some moments when I felt like asking them to relieve me from this Acting appointment. It was largely because of your influence that they had to put up with my attitude.

With my regards,

Yours faithfully,

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