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18 January, 1938.

My dear Chief Justice,

I have received your letter of 15th January, and learned with deep regret that you had decided to retire from the Bench. In view however of the reasons which you give, I do not think that it would be fair to you to press you further to remain Chief Justice, and I therefore most regretfully accept your resignation as from the 1st of March.

Allow me to express to you, not only in my official position, but as an old personal friend, my gratitude for the great services you have rendered the country during the long period that you have been on the Bench, and I am happy to think that you have crowned that lengthy period of distinguished service by your rising to be Chief Justice of the Union. You carry with you into retirement the grateful recognition not only of the country, but of large numbers of professional friends who have been associated with you from the very early days when you began your practice here in Pretoria. To me our personal association and the friendship of a lifetime will always remain a grateful memory.

I hope that in spite of years, you will still continue to enjoy fair health in retirement, and that you and Mrs. Curlewis will at last enjoy the rest you have richly deserved.

With all good wishes, I remain,

The Rt. Hon. Chief
Justice J. S. Curlewis,
St. James C.P.

Ever Yours sincerely,

J. Smuts