21. LETTER WRITTEN IN ARABIC FROM A LIBERATED AFRICAN LIVING AT CARMICHAEL 1831 CO23/84/415–20.

The exhibit shows a letter addressed to Governor, Sir James Carmichael Smyth, from a liberated African living at Adelaide. It is believed that this man's name was Abul Keli, an African Prince of the Ibo tribe who had been captured by slave traders as a potential slave. However he was rescued from this fate by the timely intervention of the Royal Navy who captured the slave ship and brought it to The Bahamas.

The letter is believed to be in Arabic and cites passages from the Koran, the Muslim Bible.

It is interesting to note that this man's ability to write destroys the myth that all Africans were illiterate.

- **Appendix 2**: Arabic Writing of Liberated African Slaves at Carmichael, Nassau Bahamas (1831)