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## Anglo-Zulu War

- WO 30/129 Copies of correspondence principally between the Adjutant-General (General C.H. Ellice) and the General Officer Commanding, Cape of Good Hope, (Lt.-General Lord Chelmsford) and memoranda relating to the Isandlwana disaster of 21 and 22 January 1879. (15 pp.)
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- WO 32/5030 An account of the action in which the Prince was killed. This file has been lost by TNA!
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- WO 32/5033 General Clifford forwarding copies of papers relating to death of the Prince and arrangements for his body to be shipped to England. (25 pp.)
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- WO 32/7390 Victoria Cross: Recommendations concerning Lieut. (now Capt and Brevet Major) G. Bromhead, Lieut. (now Capt etc) J. Chard, Cpl W. Allen and Privates Williams, Hook, Jones and Hitch of 24th Regt. Award to Cpl Schiess of Natal Native Contingent for action at Rorke's Drift. (21 pp.)
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  May. (17 pp.)
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- **WO 33/33** Report on the Isandlana disaster, paper 736. (Not available)
- WO 33/34 Correspondence relative to military affairs in South Africa, paper 766. (Not available)
- WO 33/36 Land transport reports of the Zulu war, 1881, paper 831.
- WO 71/343 Carey, J B. Offence: Misbehaviour before the enemy. Case arising from the death of the Prince Imperial in the Zulu War. (These are the only

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- **WO 91/48** Documents relating to the Carey Court Martial. (7 pp.)
- **WO 107/10** Zulu War. Report of Transport Officers of Army Service Corps, regarding transportation arrangements and difficulties.
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