

<b>Archaeological Site Report</b>	<b>SiteNo</b>	9/2/018/0182
	<b>Site Name</b>	King's blockhouse, Cape Town
	<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Project</b>	
	<b>CaseNID</b>	
	<b>Coords</b>	-33.950566, 18.450394

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Site Category: Building

**SiteComments:**

Archive Import History: After the First British occupation of the Cape in 1795, General J. H. Craig extended the French Line by building three more blockhouses further up Devil's Peak. They were the Queen's Blockhouse on the Zonnebloem estate, the Prince of Wales at a height of about 61 metres above the present De Waal Drive, and the King's Blockhouse still higher up the mountainside. The Queen's and Prince of Wales Blockhouses are in a state of ruin. The King's Blockhouse is a massive stone structure, seven metres square, situated on a prominent point high up in the Devil's Peak Forestry Reserve. Since both Table Bay and False Bay can be seen from it, the blockhouse served as a signal station for communication between the two bays. The line was strengthened still further by Sir John Cradock (1811-1814) who built several additional redoubts, and in 1814 it was proclaimed as the official boundary between Cape Town and the country districts. Visual Description: Colours: Site Features: Condition: Construction Date: 1796 Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

Damage Types: