

Bank House,  
Penicuik,  
Midlothian.  
May 17th 1900

My dear Pennell,

I am getting better but slowly. However I hope to be able to get to Galloway later in the year. We must try to [            ], if not at the birth place, then somewhere else. Of course in the book I shall say nothing of birth places, [    ] birthplace, but only as a type of Galloway farm-house. Sorry the motor misbehaved. I heard things were [    ]. As far as I know I think it likely that the book will be published [about Christmas] of next year. I am going to try and get some of my stuff done this year, but you could easily have [two fires] at it as you suggest, by going May or early June of next year. The roads of Galloway are generally A.1. A little bit of the coast road where you first start is only fair, but all the rest are admirable. It is only in the "Raiders Country" that the roads are sheep tracks, and you must hoof it. With kind regards

Ever yours

S.R. Crockett

*[per R.M.C.]*