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Dear Mr. McClure,

On referring to the agreement between ourselves and your firm covering the serial publication in America of Mr. S.R. Crockett's news story "Lochinvar", I find that clause 7 reads as follows:-

"That you shall take all such steps as may be necessary to properly secure Mr. S.R. Crockett's copyright in the United States of America in the said novel, and it is further provided that you shall be most careful to register the American copyright of each part or instalment of the new novel on the particular day on which you are advised by us that such part or instalment will be published in this country in "The Christian World".

As I said when I had the pleasure of seeing you recently, I have some idea that the Clarkes are going to extend the serial publication of the story in "The Christian World" for a rather longer time than originally contemplated. If this is so they will probably fall behind the Australian publication of the story. I understand that you are too ascertain from Messrs. James Clarke & Co., exactly what they intend to do, and you of course understand that the various instalments of the story should be registered in America on the day on which they are first published outside America, whether here or in Australia. The Australian serial rights in "Lochinvar" have been sold to Mr. Townsend, who writes to me today in reference to the publication of the story in Melbourne as follows:

"We shall commence "Lochinvar" in the "Australasian" in on January 2nd, and conclude on the last Saturday in June or the first Saturday in July. I cannot tell you the precise dates on which each particular chapter will appear, but they will be about two per week, or 5000 to 6000 words."

This, taken in conjunction with the information which I understand you have already got, or will get from Messrs. James Clarke & Co. will enable you to decide what to do, in reference to the securing of the copyright of the book in the United States. Should you think that I can give you any further information likely to be useful, you have only to let me know.

I am, Dear Mr. McClure,

Yours very sincerely,

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