

Seaton House
St Andrews
24th June 1898

Dear Major Pond,

I was delighted to hear that 'The Red Axe' had gone so well in Harpers. I think the best book I have yet written, though no doubt lovers of Scotch will not agree. I am much obliged for your kind offer which is both magnanimous and pecuniarily admirable, but I must defer to a more distant date. I am again at St Andrews and playing better than last year. My chief desire at present is to do the high hole in four! Pardon the meanness of my ambitions and believe me to be

Ever your friend
S.R.Crockett