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My Lord Rosebery,

Principal Donaldson told me today that you had written to me some time ago. I told him that I had never received the letter, and he asked me to send you a note to say so.

I can only suppose that your letter must have gone astray - our house being in a semi-shut-up condition, with my wife in the south and I at St Andrews, driving the "screevin' baa" at the links.

But I wanted you to know that I was not so rude as my silence might have led you to suppose.

Very truly yours

S.R. Crockett