

Bank House,
Penicuik,
Midlothian.
Dec. 26th 1899.

My Dear Pennell,

I spoke to Messrs Hodder and Stoughton's representative about the book and mentioned your terms to which they made no objection. I shall be in London towards the end of January, and if possible we might leave final arrangements until then. My only difficulty is getting time to write the book, as I am pretty full up next year. We thought of a guinea edition by subscription say 500 copies or perhaps 1000 if we are fortunate and then 6/-.

I am not so keen on getting anything much out of it, as I am on having the thing creditably done.

I think you ought certainly to arrange for a month of next year at least to be spent in Galloway. I will direct your steps.

With kindest regards to Mrs Pennell and yourself.

Ever truly yours,

S.R. Crockett