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Jan 17

My Dear Unwin,

That title winna do – I send you my ideal. I wish you would rubicate for me like a good fellow. I send you a specimen of a Scottish printer's title Page of date contemporary with the writing of the story (1735) I wish you would let your printers see it. It will tell them what I want more than anything. It is beautiful exceedingly as I think. I wish there was more printing like it now. Please keep it unfolded for I have removed it from the first volume of the Scots' Magazine, of which I possess a full set in a hundred volumes. It is a mine of material for me, as you can understand. So please take care of the precious leaf. It is as fresh as if it had been printed yesterday. It will pay us to do a good title page before the contents with the dedication and the original Patent of Nobility granted to the first John Faa by King James.

Ever yours

S.R.C