

Letter from The Copp, Clark Company Limited to A.P. Watt & Son
Toronto

Messrs. A.P. Watt & Son

November 10th 1903

Gentlemen,

We return you herewith enclosed the signed agreements for the two new Crockett works for publication in the spring and autumn of 1905 as per your letter of the 21st ult. You will notice that we have made a slight addition to clause iii, adding the following words. "or as soon as possible after that date." The reason that we have inserted this is that there possibly might be a delay in our getting our plates all from Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, and for reasons it might not be to the best advantage of the book in England to delay the publication there on account of the Canadian edition not being ready. Of course it would tell against us not to be ready simultaneously with the English edition, particularly if the American edition was issued on this on the same day as there is always then a possibility of some copies getting into Canada so we have made this addition to meet a possible contingency, but hope there will be nothing to interfere with our issuing simultaneously with the British and American editions.

Clause vi reads that the copyright of the said new novel shall remain the property of the said S.R. Crockett. Are we to understand from this that Mr. Crockett wishes the copyright taken out in his own in his own name? This of course could be done, but we think the best way is for us to take the copyright out in our own name, and should the agreement come to a termination at the end of 5 years or thereafter we could then assign the copyright to Mr. Crockett. As the probability is that we will arrange with Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton for plates of these two books will not require copy at any rate at present.

Yours faithfully,

W. Copp
(Vice President)