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My dear Dickson,

It was a pleasure to see your scrawling but not abject cacography on an envelope once again. You must look us up sometime ere long. After May 20th we are at Bank House. I am leaving the Manse; I fear me in time the Kirk also, but that we shall see.

The Lang was grateful and I am glad to repossess it. I sent a circular note to all my friends when I wrote to you, and got back indignant letters from them (and from W.K.A? or WRN) a specially elusive one) denying the fact. So I said within me 'Kismet! Some evil beast has devoured it. Jeahannan? Awaits him. It is well!'

Now you will probably get off!

Thank you for your kind words about The Raiders. It certainly has had a success far beyond my hopes. We have sold in all in all the editions here and overseas about 24,000 copies in five weeks. Curiously I am writing a long Covenanting story for Good Words for next year. I had a delightful week with Lang at St Andrews ten day ago. He is a splendid host and we were lively – some. You do Miss Lind injustice. She is a remarkably nice girl. I have the honour of her acquaintance I am sure the Covenanting forefathers would have been pleased with her manners. I am sure Mr S Pepys would.

Ever yours

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