

Bank House
Penicuik
Midlothian
Feb 27th 1897.

Dear Mr Joyce,

The 'Red Axe' should arrive on Tuesday. I am in hopes that it is the book at last. I have at least pleased myself better than ever before. I have made bold to ask for Mr Richards as an illustrator. I find him my best exponent. I have sent a package of drawings to Watts care to show what he can do. I hope you will do your best to get him for me. I know he would do a marvellous set of imaginative drawings for the story which would suit you down to the ground. And there are fine situations for illustration all through the book.

With kindest regards.

I am dear Mr Joyce

Very faithfully yours.

SR Crockett.