

Letter from A.P. Watt to W.E. Lock
Hastings House

August 30th 1897

W.E.Lock Esq.
Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co.
Salisbury Square
E.C.

Dear Mr. Lock,

I am in receipt of your letter of Saturday's date, with contents as advised.

I note the alteration you have made in the second clause of the agreement covering the publication of Mr. Crockett's novel in book form, and that it is correct and in order.

As I read your interpretation of clause 2 of the agreement for a serial rights of the story it appears to me to be scarcely correct. As you know, in order to secure the American copyright of a story it is absolutely necessary to publish that story (and take other steps) simultaneously with its first issue in any territory outside the United States of America. In order to enable us to fully secure the American copyright of the story which you have commissioned Mr. Crockett to write for publication in the "Windsor" etc. etc. it must be clearly understood that you give us not less than three clear months' notice of the date on which you first publish the story or any portion of it serially either in this country or elsewhere.

I hope to send you your copies of the agreement duly completed by Mr. Crockett on Wednesday or Thursday.

I am,

Yours sincerely

Watt