

Bank House,
Penicuik,
Midlothian.
Apr 14th [1899]

Dear Pennell,

If you could fix it with the Messrs Macmillan I should be glad to write the book
"Grey Galloway" or
"The Grey Galloway Land"
for them - that is if they would arrange for you to illustrate it.

They would of course arrange my terms with Mr A.P. Watt as in the case of the other books they have made contracts with me for. I don't think any difficulty would arise about that.

My stuff would be light, personal, topographical, incidental, in the style of a sketch I contributed about a year ago for "The Woman at Home" called "the Imperial Hand. I mean travel papers generally, but the whole forming a companion to the traveller in Galloway, and to my own novels.

I think an appendix of descriptive passages from "The Raiders", "The Lilac Sunbonnet" and other more recent books would be palatable to the reader.

I know the thing is sure to be done, and I would rather do it myself - with your help, than let an ordinary hack at it.

You can if you care to tell this to the Messrs Macmillan.

Ever yours

S.R. Crockett