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S. G. DOBSON

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Dear Mr. Raddall:

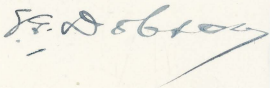
I have read with a great deal of interest, in fact fascination, your book "Pride's Fancy" and I congratulate you on a wonderful piece of work.

I was particularly interested in your knowledge of the terms used on board ship and also your description of the building of the brig.

I hope your book will have the wide circulation which it merits.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Raddall and yourself and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours sincerely,



Thomas H. Raddall, Esq.,
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SYDNEY G. DOBSON

October 28, 1957

Thomas H. Raddall, Esq.,
44 Park Street,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

I have read with the greatest of interest your fascinating book "The Path of Destiny", Vol. 3. I congratulate you most heartily. It is a wonderful piece of work and should be read by every Canadian in order to get a proper background of this country. I marvel that you were able to obtain all the information contained in this book.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing you since the days of Colonel Hugh E. Jones.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

S. G. Dobson

October 30th '57

Dear Mr. Dobson,

It was most kind of you to write, and I'm happy that you found my book of such interest. When Costain asked me to do Volume Three in this series I undertook it with all my heart, because the period 1763-1850 has always seemed to me the most interesting and significant in Canadian history, and because the book could stand by itself as a study in destiny on the North American continent. Also I had long observed in high school and college students, including my own son and daughter, an indifference to the history of their own country because they found it "dull". I knew it to be anything but dull; and now here was a chance to prove the point to Canadians and at the same time to tell Americans (the book is being published in New York) how and why Canada obtained and still insists upon a separate existence.

It seems (and is) a long time since you and Napier Moore and "Chip" Chipman sailed to Liverpool and had a drink with us. Do come again when you are down this way. My wife joins me in this demand and in good wishes.

Sincerely,

Sydney C. Dobson, Esq.