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CABLE ADDRESS, MACMILCO, TORONTO

J. M. GRAYS OFFICE

May 23, 1956

Dear Dr. Raddall:

We have never had the pleasure of publishing you but I hope that the following proposal may be of some interest.

You have perhaps heard something of a series which we are doing entitled THE GREAT STORIES OF CANADA, which is enjoying quite a triumph inside Canada and outside as well. We have commissioned in it books on many topics not sufficiently known and have aspired to a uniformly high standard of writing and historical accuracy. I should like to think that now, or presently, your commitments and inclinations would permit you to contribute a volume to the series and there is, of course, ample precedent for writers stepping aside from their normal publishing relations to contribute a volume in a series done by another publisher.

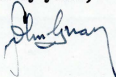
Is there a possibility that you might do a volume for us on the Fortress of Louisburg -- or on almost any other Nova Scotia topic? Louisburg suggests itself because of course its anniversary comes up in 1958.

As examples of the diversity of topics and treatment in the series so far I am sending down to you Pierre Berton's book on the Klondike and Roderick Haig-Brown's biography of Captain Vancouver. We publish all the volumes at \$2.00 -- and, if it interests you, we expect to be selling them twenty-five years from now.

I do hope that this idea makes some appeal to you though we make no claims for very quick financial returns from it. If the suggestion of a book on Louisburg interests you or you have some other topic to suggest do let us at least discuss it. It is possible that I will be coming down for the Canadian Authors meetings in Halifax at the end of June and if you should wish to talk about this project I will make a point of doing so.

I should be glad of word from you at your
convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J.M.G.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
Park Street
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

JMG/at

June 18th, 1956

Dear Mr. Gray,

I'm sorry to have been so long in answering your letter of May 23rd. I liked the copies of THE GREAT STORIES OF CANADA you sent me, and feel that you have something of great value to Canadians in this series. At the present time I am engaged on a volume of history (Canadian) for Doubleday which must continue to occupy my time and thought until next winter at least. This is for publication in '57, and (since one must eat) I should then begin another novel. However it is possible that I might be able to squeeze in a book for your series. At any rate we could talk it over if you come to Halifax later this month. Years ago I wrote (for private issue and in a limited edition) a little book on the privateer "Rover", the most notable of the letter-of-marque ships operating out of Nova Scotia during the Napoleonic wars. As you know, these were the first ships financed, built and named entirely by Canadians for war purposes on the blue water, and therefore were the real ancestors of the Royal Canadian Navy. It occurs to me that a popular edition of this book, re-written and amplified, might suit your purpose.

Sincerely,

Mr. J.M.Gray

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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

June 25, 1956

Dear Mr. Raddall:

Thank you for your letter of June 18th. I wish that I had been able to come to Halifax for the Canadian Authors meetings in order to have some talk with you but various matters interfered. In any case it is clear from your letter that there is no great rush about the project I had suggested.

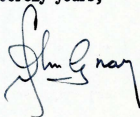
It may well be that an amplified and popular edition of your book on the privateer "Rover" would do very well for the GREAT STORIES if the idea of such a revision attracts you. I wonder whether you have a copy of the book which you could spare us for a time since I judge it is not readily available through libraries.

I shall certainly be coming to Nova Scotia in the autumn and would like then to discuss this idea, or any others that appeal to you as interesting for our series. Meanwhile, I am sure it is not necessary to emphasize how very greatly we should value a book by you in our list.

I don't suppose that substantial outright payment in lieu of royalties would be particularly attractive to you but, in the light of the programme you outline and the difficulty of fitting in a long-term prospect such as I mention, for budget purposes it might be. If so we should be perfectly willing to consider this.

Later on I shall write you again with a view to arranging a meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Thomas Raddall
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

JMG/at

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† MACMILCO, TORONTO

Nov 28th - Moncton

Dear Dr. Radall

I am at last on my way to Halifax and hope very much to see you; to discuss "The Rover" or another volume for our Great Stories of Canada.

If other matters will bring you to Halifax shortly I should appreciate seeing you there, but I can come

to Liverpool if you are not going to be in Halifax.

Could you drop me a note or telephone me collect to the Nova Scotian, anytime after Friday evening next? we can go forward with arrangements from there

Sincerely yours

John Gray

Room

626

3 pm at
Nova Scotian

MacMillan Company of Canada Limited

December 3, 1956 I lunched and chatted at the Nova Scotian hotel in Halifax with John Gray of the above company, at his request. He wants me to re-write "Saga of The Rover" in an amplified form for publication as one of MacMillan's "Great Stories of Canada" series. The books retail at \$2.00, the author's royalty is a straight 10%, and the first printing in each case is 10,000 copies. They are having a remarkable success with these books, which are aimed at the teen-age trade, school libraries, etc. Gray is confident that each of these books will go on selling for years, with various re-printings. He said if I didn't want to take it on a royalty basis MacMillan would buy the book outright. I asked, for how much? He said at once, " I should say \$4,000.00. "

I said I would have to clear the matter with Doubleday, but I'd like to do the book as soon as I've finished my current job of Canadian history for them, which should be some time in January next. Gray thought Doubleday would probably make " a perfunctory objection" but that they would give way if I insisted I wanted to do it. It would simply be a one-book contract which would not interfere with my obligations to Doubleday in any way; and the "Rover" volume would not conflict with anything that ~~subsidy~~ Doubleday are putting out in Canada. Gray hinted that MacMillan would up the price to \$5,000 if that would clinch it. I said I'd see how Doubleday felt about it, and if the way was clear I'd let him know and we could discuss terms of payment before making a formal contract for "Rover." He seemed happy about that and we parted.

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19 December 1956

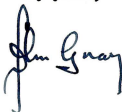
Dear Mr. Raddall:

When we met in Halifax I promised to send you two or three things which we discussed. As a result I send you now Gerald Craig's EARLY TRAVELLERS IN THE CANADAS, one of our Pioneer Books, WRITING IN CANADA, and my own piece on the Patriot Troubles in Upper Canada, THE LIFE AND DEATH OF "GENERAL" WILLIAM PUTNAM. I hope you may find them all interesting in their way.

We hope to start the new year with word that Doubleday have agreed to your working on the Rover for the Great Stories of Canada.

Meanwhile, my own good wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year, and renewed thanks to you for coming in to see me in Halifax.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Thomas Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool, N.S.

JMG/at

January 9, 1957

Dear Mr. Gray,

First let me say how much I have enjoyed your gifts, "Early Travels in the Canadas", "Writing in Canada", "The Redcoat Sailor", and the privilege of reading your own "Life and Death of General William Putnam". All were most interesting, and in reading them through the Yule season I found in "Early Travels" several useful points for my volume of Canadian history, which I am now preparing finally for the printers.

The Putnam paper throws a light on the Hunters' activities at Windsor that I had not seen, and on the persecution in the Thames valley following the William Lyon Mackenzie fiasco. For lack of elbow room in my own book I have had to treat the minor aspects of the rebellions briefly, using a phrase or a paragraph to cover many a matter that in itself would provide material for a book.

Now for the matter of our discussion during that very pleasant luncheon in Halifax. I have told Doubleday that I would finish the history volume for them about the end of this month, and that I wished to revise and enlarge my "Rover" book for MacMillan before going on with a new novel.

They agree, and that is that. I can get to work on the "Rover" as soon as the history manuscript is off my hands, and you can draw up a contract for it whenever you wish. I have thought over the matter of lump payment versus royalties, and as I can use the money this year I suggest \$5,000 for outright purchase of the rights.

Sincerely

Mr. J.M.Gray

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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

16 January 1957

Dear Mr. Raddall:

Thank you for your welcome letter telling me that Doubleday is willing to have you do The Rover for our Great Stories. This is grand news.

I note that you would prefer a payment of \$5000.00 for out-right purchase of "these rights". This is ^{not} out of line with my statement that we thought \$4000.00 the probable amount we should pay as an outright sum but in your case we would not rule out the possibility of \$5000.00. NOT
for

Here let me make a perhaps ingenuous confession. My notes of our talk do not define the rights and I must in frankness ask for your help. I take it that the subsidiary rights would be subject to what we think of as normal arrangements, some items subject to an agent's commission, a few to a 50-50 split. I am sure we shall not quarrel over details.

But to what markets do these and book rights apply? Canada is clear enough. What about Empire and Commonwealth; and what about U.S.? We should like to have both (and without at least one will be a long time recovering this sum), but did you specifically exclude either in your thinking? We will accept your statement.

I am sorry if this embarrasses you in any way. My only excuse is that in Halifax I was trying to cover too much ground.

Either way this will be an unusual contract, at least for this country. But the quality of your past work makes me entirely confident of the enlarged Rover. And had it not been so before, our good talk in Halifax would have removed any doubts. I can't imagine you doing a poor or careless book.

Can you give us an approximate date for a finished script?

I am so glad you liked the books and the Putnam piece. If you have no further use for the latter I should be glad to have it back presently.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Gray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Yours,".

Mr. Thomas Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool, N.S.

JMG/at

January 19, 1957

Dear Mr. Gray,

I should have been more specific in my letter, for our conversation naturally was on general lines. My offer to sell "Saga of The Rover" for \$5,000 means world rights for hard-cover publication, to be MacMillan's in perpetuity. Pocket-book publication can be covered by the usual 50% division of the proceeds between MacMillan and myself. Movie, television and radio rights can be covered by the usual 10% to publisher (if he arranged the sale of these rights) and 90% to author; but there should be a provision that if the publisher fails to make a sale of these rights the author may proceed to sell them if he can, and that in such an event the publisher shall not be entitled to a commission.

Amplification and revision of the book to make it uniform in size and content with your GREAT STORIES OF CANADA obviously will take both time and care. I think you should allow me until August 31, 1957, although by a complete concentration of effort I can do it in much less -- my normal working schedule is ten hours a day.

Let me say, too, that whatever the degree of my success as a Canadian author I have built it on a basis of honest workmanship, permitting nothing to go out under my name unless it was the best I could do. I have a particular affection for "Saga of The Rover" because it was my first book and because the man who illustrated it, however amateurish the drawing, was an old sea friend. The original private edition is a collectors' item now; I believe prices as high as \$40 have been offered for a single copy. So far I have refused various offers to publish it in a popular edition. I yield now because I believe GREAT STORIES OF CANADA can give the famous old privateer a permanent place in our national history with a special appeal to the young, and because I can use the money to advantage in the latter half of this year.

Sincerely,

Mr. J.M.Gray,
The MacMillan Company of Canada Ltd.,
70 Bond Street, Toronto, Canada.

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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

22 January 1957

Dear Thomas Raddall:

I am most grateful to you for your prompt, candid and helpful letter in the matter of the rights in SAGA OF THE ROVER. The proposal you make is entirely acceptable to us. We shall have a contract drawn along these lines at once. The contract will provide for payment of \$5,000 on delivery of manuscript, though some of it could be paid earlier if you wished.

By all means reckon on a deadline of August 31st, or a bit later if that suits you. What we both want is a good book and a few weeks more or less will not change the publishing season.

We look forward to this venture with keen anticipation and hope to do our part in putting THE ROVER into the permanent record. Our contract will follow within a few days. Meantime, with warm regard to you.

Yours sincerely,



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

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January 25, 1957

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Further to Mr. Gray's recent letter, and at his request, I am enclosing a copy of an agreement covering publication of THE SAGA OF THE ROVER in the Great Stories of Canada Series.

If you find the terms of the agreement quite satisfactory will you be kind enough to sign and return this copy to us? We shall then send you the original for your files.

Yours very truly,

Isabel Ryme

Secretary to Mr. Gray

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

IMS

February 2, 1957

Dear Mr. Gray,

I enclose, signed, the contract for THE SAGA OF THE ROVER. I'm at work on the material now. Since writing the original I've found a number of interesting documents, not least the ledger of a Liverpool merchant who dealt with Captain Alexander Godfrey and others of the Rover's crew. It contains such items as:

"To 1 silver Watch, to be paid for out of next privateering voyage".

The good old days!

With every regard,

Sincerely,

Mr. J.M.Gray

February 2, 1957

Dear Mr. Gray,

I enclosed the contract for THE SAGA
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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

February 5, 1957

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Thank you for your letter of February 2nd with which you returned, signed, the copy of the contract for THE SAGA OF THE ROVER. I now enclose the original for your files.

I am delighted to hear that you are at work now and that you have found a number of interesting documents which will help in the expansion of the book. The sample whets my appetite. Good old days indeed!

It is probably not necessary to remind you that the ideal length for the book is 37,000 words, give or take a few, and I hope this proves about right as the tale develops.

With warm regard to you,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Gray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "John Gray".

Dr. Thomas Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool, N.S.

JMG/S

February 8, 1957

Dear Mr. Gray,

I return herewith the copy of "The Life and Death of 'General' William Putnam" which you so kindly lent me. His ancestors, the Massachusetts Putnams, supplied a number of their family in the settlement of Nova Scotia after the final fall of Louisburg. One finds the name frequently in old documents of this town, and there are still a few people here descended from that stock.

I shall keep in mind a length of about 37,000 words in re-writing the Saga of the Rover. My wife is much interested in the book. She is descended from Henry Godfrey, who as a boy of thirteen served as a powder-monkey on the Rover when she fought her famous battle off the Spanish Main.

With my best regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. John M. Gray

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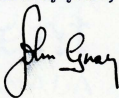
11 February 1957

Dear Dr. Raddall:

I find that I have misled you in the matter of wordage for THE SAGA OF THE ROVER. Our original specifications called for 37,000 - 39,000 words but in the last two years as costs have gone up and our prices remain the same the desirable length has shortened somewhat. The ideal length now is 32,000 - 33,000.

However we don't want this to be a straight jacket. If you can do what you would like to do with the book in that wordage it will suit our arrangements best, but if you need a little more space to do the book as you wish it then you must have the space -- with our blessing.

Sincerely yours,



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

JMG/at

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \overline{) 32,000} \\ = 80 \text{ double-spaced} \\ \text{typewritten pages.} \end{array}$$

*Sent off 1 copy of the
typescript, with a separate
letter, July 9, 1957,
the M/S. registered.*

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July 18, 1957

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Enclosed is our cheque for \$5000.00, the payment due you under the terms of our contract on delivery of the manuscript of the ROVER book.

The script is with our Editorial Department at present and will be handed over to Mr. Gray on his return.

Yours sincerely,

Isabel Dyme

Secretary to Mr. Gray

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

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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

August 9, 1957

Dear Dr. Raddall:

I am sorry not to have written you sooner about THE ROVER PRIVATEER which came in while I was on holiday. Three of us have read it now with great pleasure and agree that it is all we hoped -- or almost all. The shortcoming I indicate is purely in question of length. According to our count the book falls short of our ideal length by almost 5,000 words, and I wonder whether you could do anything about this. I see it is difficult because you have told the story of the "Rover" and there is probably nothing to add. Is there perhaps another related Privateer story that could be told without seriously changing the shape and balance of the present book?

We do realize, I assure you, that books cannot be written to a word length formula without dangers, and you must be the judge. However, our present dilemma is that we must either publish a book manifestly shorter than the others in the series or resort to various tricks to bulk it out. And I prefer not to do either.

Apart from this difficulty we have two minor comments:

- (1) It seems to us that it might be better not to announce the armament of the Spanish ships when they are first sighted because this is revealed with dramatic effect by Eben Harrington as they begin to fire. If you agree perhaps you would give us the slightly revised wording involved in the cut.
- (2) The longish quotation from Simeon Perkins' diary which retells the story of the fight seems to us a mistake, although the last line or two is valuable for its flavour. If you agree, would you indicate a cut here and perhaps supply a few words to bridge.

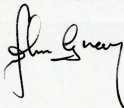
If you don't agree with either point we will not press them.

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August 9, 1957

I look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile I do again thank you and congratulate you on this fine little book.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Gray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Dr. Thomas Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool, N.S.

JMG/IS

August 13th, 1957

Mr. J.M. Gray,
MacMillan Company of Canada Ltd.,
70 Bond Street, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Gray,

Your letter disturbs me. Obviously our methods of computing are at a wide variance. I have checked my count and I still get an average of 400 words to the typewritten page. As the body of the book contains 80 pages (plus another 700 words or so in the foreword) I still get a total of 32,000 to 33,000 words -- the length requested in your letter of February eleventh.

The whole book has been planned and written carefully to this frame, which I found ideal, for in it I was able to tell the full story of the Rover and to give the reader a good picture of the historical and geographical background. The only way to lengthen the book by another five thousand words would be to add some voyages of other privateers, which would be repetitious (for they all operated in the same way and in the same scenes) while lacking the tang of Godfrey's adventures with the French convoy and with the Spaniards off La Guaire.

Mere padding of that kind would destroy the unity and flow of the book. Please understand that I am as interested in the reading value of the book as you are, and that I am not merely making difficulties over lengthening the book. The two other points you raise are minor, as you say. However, since we are dealing with actual events, the exact ~~armament~~ armament of the Spanish ships should be stated somewhere, so that the reader has something more solid than Harrington's mere surmise as the shooting starts. I prefer to give the reader the exact picture at the start, so that he has the tingle of knowing what Godfrey is up against, while Godfrey does not.

As for the quotation from Simeon Perkins' diary, I gave it full length because of the magnificent hypocrisy it reveals in the pious townsman -- gloating over the odds, and the number of Spaniards killed and wounded, and then adding that bit from the Psalms in praise of the Lord's goodness to the children of men -- all typical of the hard-headed descendants of the Puritans, who thought that God spoke with a Cape Cod accent and kept a special watch over the Cape Codders and their Bluenose cousins. Cut it out if you wish. Certainly it is not a necessary part of the tale. And please ask your staff to examine the book's length again. I am sure my count is right.

Sincerely,

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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

15th August 1957.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

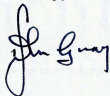
I am sorry my letter disturbed you,
but I knew it must.

We shall check length again and would
be delighted at a different result. However we do our
calculating by printers' methods, i.e. counting characters^f
rather than words initially, and our first count gave us
342 words per page.

That would account precisely for the
difference. However we'll try again and write you further.

Thank you for your comments on the
minor points. We shall reconsider these in the light of
your letter.

Sincerely,



JMG/js.

Thomas H. Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

*Printers reckon six characters to an average
word.*

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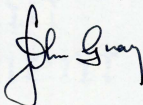
19th August 1957.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Here is the result of our recount on the ROVER PRIVATEER.

I would be delighted to be shown that we are wrong, but our experience of miscounts (many of them our own) has finally made us rely on this system. There is of course the other question; even if this count is right, is there anything to be done about it? If your final considered view is that there is no proper way in which to lengthen the Manuscript, then we shall have to accept that.

Sincerely yours,



JMG/js.
Encl.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

To— Mr. Gray

From— Pat Lynn

Copies to—Mr. Upjohn

Redall: THE ROVER PRIVATEER

According to the results of a second cast-off for the above title there are approximately 27,760 words contained in the manuscript. The following is a breakdown of how we arrived at this figure.

First of all, we found out the number of characters on each page over an average of

12 pages: -	Page 4	-	2,048
	" 8	-	2,062
	" 15	-	2,019
	" 20	-	2,066
	" 27	-	2,193
	" 30	-	2,187
	" 39	-	1,984
	" 48	-	2,075
	" 54	-	2,076
	" 66	-	2,150
	" 70	-	2,062
	" 79	-	<u>2,065</u>
			<u>24,987</u> (characters for 12 pages) and then we divided
	by 12	-	<u>2,082</u> (average # of characters per page) multiplied
	by 80		<u>80</u> (# of pages in manuscript)
			<u>166,560</u> (approximate # of characters in manuscript).

We then divide 166,560 by 6 (our average word length) which gives us the final figure of 27,760.

The result of our first cast-off was 27,333 words in manuscript.

MY
MANUSCRIPT

6 ²⁴ / 2082
347 words per page

September 6th, 1957

Dear Mr. Gray,

The solution to our problem came to me after I wrote you last, when I came upon some old notes about the lives of Captain Thomas Freeman and his wife Sally. Research turned up more detail and I knew that Freeman's career would make an interesting addition to Chapter One, in which the activities of various Nova Scotia ships are set forth as a channel leading up to the story of the Rover herself.

I have numbered the inserted pages 8-a to 8-j, replacing the original page 8 in the typescript you hold. The added material should give something like the length you require without upsetting the balance of the book.

It's never too late to learn. I confess that in all these years of writing I never knew that printers reckoned more precisely than by actual word count, although now I can see the point in a letter count divided by six. Henceforth I shall reckon 350 words to a typewritten page instead of the 400 I have so blithely assumed in the past.

With apologies to you and to your printers for doubting their mathematics,

Sincerely,

Mr. John Gray

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED

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CABLE ADDRESS, MACMILCO, TORONTO

J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

9th September 1957.

Dear Tom Raddall:

If we have helped to bring your mathematics to the same high standard as your literary attainments, we shall all die happy.

Your response to our re-count of THE ROVER's wordage is characteristically generous and effective. I have this morning read the new material which is first class and takes its place unobtrusively in the manuscript and bodies it out to good purpose.

I do appreciate more than I can easily say your help with this problem. We shall now go ahead with the book, aiming for early spring publication.

With all good wishes.

Yours,

John Gray
Per D.S.

JMG/js.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
44 Park Street
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Nova Scotia

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September 27, 1957

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall,
44 Park St.,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

THE ROVER PRIVATEER

By registered mail today we are sending you galleys 1-15 and shall be sending you further batches in due course. We shall be glad if you will send them back to us in the same way rather than waiting until you have seen them all.

Would you be good enough to supply titles for the chapters. These should not be too long because, of course, they will be used for the running-heads as well.

Yours sincerely,

W. Eayrs

Winifred Eayrs

WE:B

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED
Editorial Department

October 3rd, 1957

Winifred Eayrs,
Editorial Department,
MacMillan Co. of Canada Ltd.,
70 Bond Street, Toronto.

Dear Miss Eayrs,

I return herewith galleys 1-15 of THE ROVER PRIVATEER. After your own careful proof-reading I found only one or two corrections, which I have noted on the galleys.

I enclose also a list of titles for the chapters. If the suggested title to Chapter 5 is too long for a running-head, change it to "A stout heart, brave boys."

Sincerely,

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October 23, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Raddall:

This is just a little note to advise you that you may be hearing from a Mr. Vernon Mould of Toronto.

Mr. Mould is the artist we are employing to do the illustrations for your book THE ROVER PRIVATEER, and it is just possible that he may discover one or two points where your advice and knowledge would be of great value to him.

This artist has previously illustrated two books in this series: "The Buckskin Brigadier" and "Arctic Assignment" and in both cases he made a very excellent job of it and we are more than confident that we can expect the same result with your book.

Yours very truly,



Robin Latcham,
Production Department.

RDL:pl

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207 Brookdale Ave.
Toronto 14, Ont.

Mr. Thomas H. Laddall.
44 Park St.
Liverpool, N.S.

Dear Mr. Laddall:

I believe Mr. Latcham has written to you from Machinans mentioning that I might wish to consult with you on one or two matters relating to the illustrations for *The Horse Pirates*.

At present I am assembling my material and ideas for these illustrations, and have encountered a few points upon which I would be thoroughly grateful for your advice and assistance. I do hope this is not too great an imposition. For simplicity I have numbered these according to groups.

Gal 8. I should like to do an illustration of the men burning seaweed from their ship's hull. I am not certain how a ship is careened on a beach and how it should look.

Gal 11. I should like an illustration of men marching along the streets of Liverpool with pipe and drums. The question is about the general appearance of Liverpool; what the architecture was like, and whether there would be any significant features to be mindful of. Perhaps you may know of some pictorial material which would quickly clear this point up.



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Page 3: The Passpeople flocking to Fort Point would make a good illustration. Again the question is: how would it look? The general appearance of the shore at the river's mouth; any salient geographical features that I should include. Is there a possibility of the existence of a picture of this, or any of the general harbor, river area?

Page 4: This would be the celebrations in "Fady" Phillips' tavern. — an interesting illustration. You have described this tavern in considerable detail, which led me to wonder whether it was still in existence, or perhaps well documented pictorially. It is the interior I am interested in primarily. Anything you can do to clarify this one would be appreciated.

I am enclosing a drawing of the 'Lover' and also of the gallery as I think they might have appeared. If any thing seems inaccurate possibly you mark the drawing as you would see it and send it back to me.

In closing, may I say how pleased I am to be working on this book with you. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. Do hope these questions won't prove to be a nuisance.
Yours sincerely,
Leonard Newell.

October 31/57

Mr. Vernon Mould,
207 Brookdale Avenue,
Toronto 12, Canada.

Dear Mr. Mould,

I enclose some photographs which will give you some idea of Liverpool's main street.

- (1) Main Street in 1891. The buildings at the left are of the Rover's period. Eliminate the awnings and bay window, and of course the fences and sidewalks.
- (2) The Dexter Tavern. The oldest in the town and as you see very small indeed. Eliminate the porch, put four small panes in each window sash instead of those shown, and make the chimney twice as wide. Delete the flagstaff and the concrete walk.
- (3) The DeWolfe and Collins houses. These were standing in the Rover days. Delete the sun porch and verandah on the DeWolfe house.
- (4) The Thomas Freeman house, still standing, was the home of Captain Thomas Freeman, one of the privateersmen mentioned in my book. Delete the fence and the porch and you have it pretty much as it was in Rover days.
- (5) This old drawing shows the blockhouse on Fort Point, which guarded the entrance to the river and the wharves. Ignore the "ship" at left. The blockhouse probably stood about twenty feet high, from the ground to the roof peak. The low part of the point was naked rock. The rest was pasture and bushes. And there was a flagstaff here.

I enclose a rude sketch showing one way of heaving-down a ship for cleaning the hull. To make things easier the guns on the "outer" side were run across the deck and lashed beside the ones on the "inner" side. A few hours' exposure in a tropical sun made the seaweed dry enough to burn, and the torches would be composed of rags and tar at the end of a stick. If they were in a hurry there would be several crude rafts with pairs of men working alongside. A regularly-used careenage had capstans on the shore; but a ship could be hove down anywhere on a shelving beach with some shelter, and with a few stout trees from which blocks and tackles could be rigged to the topmasts.

I regret that I haven't anything to portray in the interior of Fady Phillips' tavern. It was much bigger than the Dexter Tavern but probably of the same architecture. The lower floor consisted of a taproom and a diningroom, separated by a wooden partition that could be folded back out of the way for big affairs. I suppose the partition was of several segments, each hinged to the next. There would be a wainscote, waist-high, the rest of the walls simply painted plaster. The bar in the taproom portion would be a small affair, a counter and some shelves with bottles, decanters, mugs and glasses; and on one end of the counter there would be a rum keg with a spigot, the keg sitting in "chocks" as it would aboard ship. There would be some framed nautical prints on the walls, a large and very bad print of His Majesty, and probably a captured French or Spanish ensign hanging at one end. The tables would be

solid no-nonsense things of the refectory type, and the chairs of the Windsor kind. No carpet on the floor. Simply a scatter of sea-sand. For a celebration of this kind the tables would have a good spread of pewter and chinaware; glass decanters of Madeira wine, each with its small metal "ticket" slung on a fine chain about its neck; stoneware gallon-jars of rum; and for food thick roasted joints of moose-meat, ~~jack~~ potatoes, cabbage, bear hams (a favorite delicacy which would look like a pork ham for that matter) and whole loaves of bread and dishes of butter and of cheese. A big fireplace at each end of the long room, with a hot fire of logs.

Your drawing of a galley seems right. The Rover probably carried two jibs, and if I were you I wouldn't bother about staysails. There is no existing picture or model of the Rover, but as she was built for a privateer her lines were undoubtedly those of a brig-of-war of the period. I enclose two rough sketches (I wish I could draw!) which may give you some idea of her overall lines, and of her stem.

Don't hesitate to write for any further detail you want. I'd like the photographs back when you've finished with them.

With all good wishes,

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January 31, 1958.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall,
44 Park St.,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

THE ROVER

Under separate cover, we are sending you pages 1-75 together with the necessary galleys. We hope to send you the balance on Monday.

As we are very anxious to get these on the press next week, we should be much obliged if you would wire us collect your approval of the proofs (with minor corrections now marked thereon), or any further small corrections you desire.

We should be glad if you would send us back the pages in due course for our records.

Yours sincerely,

W. Bayrs.

Winifred Bayrs

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Feb 3, 1958

Mr. Thomas Laddell.
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Mr. Laddell.

I am returning your material on Liverpool with many thanks. It has been of inestimable value to me.

I hope when you see the illustrations, you will be too disappointed. There are one or two points where illustrations may seem to side step the letter of the period. In costume for instance, where things are always in a state of transition I generally try to bring in one or two examples of costumes from the immediately previous period to achieve a greater flavour of authenticity. This explains one or two details which would appear at first sight to be somewhat anachronistic.

In my research I was very interested to note the variety of detail which existed in the fashions of this period. In this case I used your material as a base and filled in from other sources in places where you didn't particularize.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely

Robert Menzies

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February 10, 1958.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall,
44 Park St.,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

THE ROVER

Thank you for your wire received this morning with regard to the proofs we had sent you.

The map on page 10 will certainly have Liverpool marked on it. This is a two-colour map and the word "Liverpool" will be in blue. We are glad you noticed the mistake in Sans Pareil and will have this corrected.

We are getting the few necessary corrections made and hope to get the book on the press very shortly.

We sent the preliminary pages to you on Friday and would be obliged if you would wire collect any minor changes.

Yours very truly,

W. Eayrs

Winifred Eayrs

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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

14th March 1958.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Your author's copies of THE ROVER are now on the way to you, and I very much hope you like the finished book. I think it has come out well in all respects, and makes an admirable addition to the series. If it does as well as we expect and as it deserves, this will be a pleasant outcome of our correspondence and talk last year.

I hope to see you before too long.

Yours,



JMG/jls.

Dr. Thomas Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool, N.S.

March 18th, 1958

Dear Mr. Gray,

My copies of THE ROVER have arrived, and I'm delighted with the book and with Vernon Mould's illustrations, an excellent job. The book is sure to have an excellent sale as well, for the subject is one with a natural appeal to grown-ups as well as the young. In my vicinity the book comes at an appropriate time, for next year Liverpool celebrates its 200th anniversary, and a committee is busy with plans, including a vessel rigged as the "Rover" and with a crew in the proper costumes.

I sail for England early in April to complete the research for a historical novel, returning here in mid-June. Should you be in Nova Scotia this summer, do give me a shout. It would be good to see you again.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Gray

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J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

7th May 1958.

Dear Tom Raddall:

Congratulations on your Governor-General's award, which I know was well deserved and will I hope give you great satisfaction.

I remember talking about this book with you when we met to discuss THE ROVER, and remember well your high seriousness in tackling the variety of more or less formal history. I hope you are as pleased as you ought to be.

Yours,

John Gray
Per J.S.

JMG/jls.

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

June 8th, 1958

Dear John,

I've just returned from two months' wandering in Europe, and find in the mail your kind note of May 7. It was very good of you to write. Indeed I find that a G-S Award conveys a double blessing; a much-prized medal on one hand, and warm letters from one's friends on the other, and naturally I'm happy about the whole thing.

What with intensive study and long hours of labor at my desk I've been driving myself without mercy for years, with at most five hours' sleep in the twenty-four. A rugged constitution and an hour or two daily in the open air enabled me to get away with it; but towards the end of last winter I was faced with a breakdown. Hence the flight to Europe. I return much refreshed, keen and happy and eager for work again, although from now on I must give myself more leisure and certainly more sleep. I suppose every writer must have this slave-driving daemon within, or he wouldn't have chosen this fascinating but difficult medium of expression in the first place; the trouble is that it takes most of a lifetime to learn how to live with it, knowing that one can't live without it.

I trust THE ROVER is doing well. All the comments I've heard and seen have been most favorable.

The Raven is away to a good start - But it is only a start. It
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16 June 1958

My dear Tom

I enjoyed your letter, especially the feeling of vitality. The holiday, long overdue, seems to have been exactly the tonic.

We all want you around for a long time, so do go a little slower.

Your letter did me good. Yours
John

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CABLE ADDRESS, MACMILCO, TORONTO

J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

24th August 1960

My dear Tom:

It is a long time since we corresponded but I have been able to keep track of you through your books and have done so with pleasure.

I have a suggestion now which I hope might result in our working together again. That is that having done a volume in our Great Stories of Canada, you might now undertake a book in our Pioneer Books Series. I think this is a series that you would feel it a pleasure and a credit to be associated with but it isn't terribly exciting financially.

Specifically we have heard more than once from Joe Schull and others of a manuscript or typescript of the Memoirs of a Capt. Smith, which is in the Nova Scotia Archives. I gather that Capt. Smith is still living as an old man or recently dead and that the Memoirs are of the period just about or before the turn of the century, the latter days of sail.

What we hope is that you might be interested in editing this manuscript provided it could be made available to us and you in the Pioneer Books (Joe Schull told me that he thought you would know the manuscript and I think he thought that you were interested in it).

Editing of this volume does not imply a great deal and wouldn't I think take a lot of time. I say that of course without knowing the manuscript, and it may be that it would need some cutting or some notes. However, we are thinking principally of an introduction by you. For this we would either provide an advance against royalty or an outright fee if there were a royalty to be paid to Capt. Smith or his family. It is hard to be specific on these points without knowing more about the situation.

24th August 1960

What I would principally like to know now is whether you know the manuscript and if so whether the proposal is of interest and if it is how soon might it fit into your programme.

When we have the answers to these questions and your general feeling about the project, we can get down to detail.

It might be necessary to have a couple of copies of the manuscript made for our joint consideration and costing. If so we would of course be glad to pay for this because we would like a chance of reading before we come to any final conclusion; though if you like the book and would like to do it you can take it that we are more than halfway to a decision the minute we have that information.

With all good wishes.

Yours,



JMG/jls.

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

August 26/60

Mr. J.N.Cray,
MacMillan Company of Canada Ltd.,
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear John,

I am indeed familiar with the memoirs of William Smith. I knew him well, and for years he was my best informant on the days of sail in these parts in the period roughly 1870-1900. I persuaded his son T. Brenton Smith (assistant treasurer of a large paper mill here) to take down and type the memoirs -- a job that took several years of spare time labor. I then got the Archives at Halifax to bind in hard covers two copies of the typescript, one for the Archives and one for the Smith family. Joe Schull apparently was shown the Archives copy.

William Smith and son Brenton are now dead. Brenton placed no monetary value on the memoirs and they were not mentioned in his will, of which I was an executor. A mass of other historical matter, collected for a contemplated local history, he bequeathed to the Archives. Otherwise his estate all went to two brothers and a sister. One brother and the sister still survive here in Liverpool. Hence the copyright of the memoirs is a bit of a puzzle. To be safe I suppose you could come to some sort of agreement with the surviving heirs. None of them had the brains or the literary tastes of Brenton Smith, and they live in very ordinary circumstances.

The memoirs are a large mass of typescript, covering William Smith's life from the time he went to sea as a boy of 13 or so. He began in fishing schooners, then went into Liverpool brigs, brigantines and barques in the West Indies and South American trade. He rose to be first mate but was never a captain. Like most men in the shipbuilding towns and villages of Nova Scotia he was completely amphibious, and for a spell ashore could turn a good hand as a carpenter or as a rigger in the shipyards. Finally, always willing to try something new, he joined the crew of a small local salvage steamer, learned the diver's trade, and spent several years working on wrecks about the coast. The last of his active career he spent as a rigger in Liverpool shipyards.

All of this is told in the memoirs with a great variety of anecdote, though nothing spectacular. The man was rigidly honest and had a memory like a filing cabinet. Often, when Brenton or I questioned a date or some other matter, he would fetch down from the attic an old private log, or a notebook or a tattered newspaper clipping to prove that he was right. As I told the Archives people, Smith's memoirs are the best existing document about ships and men of the period.

Now with regard to your proposal. I have too much respect for these memoirs to do anything slapdash with them. To edit and select from this mass of material, and to keep continuity as a narrative, would mean in effect a re-write of the whole thing. This would take months of careful study and work.

At present I'm doing preliminary research for my next novel, and I have some magazine and TV commitments on the side. In other words, if I undertook the job for Pioneer Books I would have to put aside other work necessary to my income, and would need an adequate financial guarantee.

With my regards,

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED

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CABLE ADDRESS, MACMILCO, TORONTO

J. M. GRAY'S OFFICE

6th September 1960

Dear Tom:

In suggesting so light-heartedly that you might introduce William Smith's Memoirs for our Pioneer Books I had no idea it was so formidable a task. Your account of them now does not make me less interested but it does raise a number of questions.

Can you make a suggestion as to an adequate guarantee and are you in a position to explore a little more fully the copyright position, without embarrassment? I assume there would have to be some sort of payment to the surviving brother and sister in return for a quit claim, or perhaps some royalty to them only after substantial sales. Of the alternatives I would favour buying their interest outright if we can arrive at a basis that is fair and feasible.

The next question is your programme. I presume (as always) that we would like the book as soon as possible but it doesn't have to have highest priority if you can visualize a spot in your programme where it causes less dislocation. Can you say whether you would really like to take on this book and when you could conveniently do so?

The last question is whether there is a commercial book here, one that would provide an adequate guarantee for you and some hope of return for us. You speak of "a great variety of anecdote, though nothing spectacular". This might make a saleable as well as a valuable book. But it probably means doing it as a general and not as a Pioneer Book.

6th September 1960

I plan to come to Nova Scotia in late January or early February. I would like to read and then talk with you, I hope to a happy conclusion.

Could you meanwhile comment on these other points?

Yours,

JMG/jls.

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

*Off to England on business
and a short holiday tonight
As write in some haste .*