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Mr. Thomas H. Raddall.

Dear Sir:

I am taking this liberty of writing you to ask if you would give me your autograph?

I would like to have it because I admire you as the author of three of the finest books I have ever read. History has always been the one subject of which I never tire, but sometimes the presentation of it all but robs it of its interest. So when I started "His Majesty's Yankees", I wondered how good it was going to be (my own opinion only!)..... I didn't wonder long.. Gosh, what writing! I nearly drove the family crazy what with not knowing what was going on around me and telling them how perfectly swell the book was. I couldn't finish it quickly enough, yet I still didn't want it to end, and when I did it was a long wait until "Roger Sudden" and an equally long one until "Pride's Fancy". Just the same, they were both well waiting for, and as I said before, they comprise part of the favorite section of my bookshelf. I certainly hope you're going to write many more and just as certainly I'll be waiting for them albeit impatiently.

In the meantime I hope you may find time to give me your autograph which I surely would be proud to have. However if I am being a nuisance or putting you to too much bother don't you do it, but please do accept my thanks for the many hours of pleasure your books have brought me.

Sincerely

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*Edwin W. Wilhelm*