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April 5, 1902.

Dear Mr. Putnam: I have received your letter of Mar. 21. enclosing Mr. North's letter of March 20. 1902. I am bound to say that I don't quite understand his letter. I thought it was quite clear that we are treating with him on the basis of his original offer to Mr. Lucas of about a year ago. He then agreed to furnish Mr. Lucas with a copy of the collation of all Letters in his possession and of all letters which he could get sight of. There was no reservation of any kind. In his letter of March 20. 1902 he appears to reserve any unpublished Letters or new material. This is not at all to Mr. Lucas's mind. It is essential that we shall have a clear understanding on this point and would you mind writing to Mr. North.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A. M. A. Methuen.

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Dear Mr. North:

It appears that there is not a clear understanding between yourself on the one hand and Mr. Lucas and Messrs. Methuen on the other, as to the exact scope of the service to be rendered or nature of the material to be delivered in consideration of the payment by Messrs. Methuen of the sum of one hundred dollars. I find it a little difficult to fill intelligently the role of "buffer" in the negotiation. I enclose a copy of a letter this morning at hand from Mr. Methuen, which will indicate the nature of the question that has arisen with him. It will be for you to decide what you want to do in the matter.

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*Yours truly*  
*G. P. Putnam*