

Gentlemen:

I am very sorry to receive your letter of the 2d inst. since it works a gross injustice to ~~my~~ <sup>the owner of the book.</sup> ~~the book.~~

You know very well that it would take her from a month to six weeks to make arrangements for foreign publication.

You might easily have arranged for it

arranged ~~to have~~ it without <sup>losing a day on</sup> the publication. <sup>Even now, with a little extra effort you might have it done in ten days.</sup> ~~But instead of that; - after delaying the book several~~ <sup>months</sup> ~~to await your convenience~~ <sup>now at the fifty = ninth</sup>

<sup>minute of the eleventh hour, you</sup> in effect "You may copy right this ~~copy,~~

thing in England if you choose; We have got all we want."

The understanding when we saw  
Mr Merrill  
yesterday was that you the Merrills  
wanted the English and Canadian  
copyrights. That was clearly the im-  
pression on both our minds.

I think the new concern is  
bound by it; but whether formally  
it is or not, the neglect to deter-  
mine your option until the book  
after months of delay, is ready  
for the market is a damage for  
which there is no excuse.

The publication of the book must  
be deferred until she can write to  
England and see what arrange-  
ments can be made. Not a copy

can go out probably until Nov. 1st. For this time of  
the fall trade you can hardly be responsible for this neglect,  
as well as the loss of copyright that you had it. Yours respectfully,

I think this is very cavalier treatment indeed, after the forbearance we have shown with regard to the delay of the work ~~by you~~ through your business complications. By sending a few copies to an agent in London you might easily have had them <sup>at Stationer's Hall almost</sup> entered, ~~before~~ by the receipt of this letter at least. Oh, if you had made your election during the months when you did nothing upon this matter, she would have arranged to have it done without delay. So, too, if she had not supposed ~~you~~ your contract embraced and included the foreign copyright

agreement with your Mr. Merrill  
she would not have consented to  
the transfer of the contract.

However, the question is not  
now what ought to have been  
done ~~and~~ but what ~~must~~  
now be done.

You are, therefore, notified that  
the publication of "Heart of the Sunset  
Sea" must be deferred until the  
copyrighter can arrange for its  
protection in England. No copies  
must be sent out nor the book  
put on sale until that has been  
done.

Very respectfully

W. W. Longenecker  
Atty for Annie Longenecker

This will probably delay publication until Nov. 1st  
when the Fall trade is substantially over -