

Aug 4th 1791.

12. TENNISON ROAD,
SOUTH NORWOOD.

Dear Mr Langbridge -

I can only say that I would very willingly send you a cheque of a hundred pounds for the poor fund of your parish if you can ever produce a line of my writing to the effect which you quote - that I was arranging a Tauchnitz Edition for you. I distinctly remember making the statement to you, but without those two important words. When I took some pains over the arranging of it I never thought of anyone else in the matter - feeling that in the Rights of translation I had already given you what seemed to

me to be an ample 'quid pro quo' for a short delay which could not in any way affect the sale of the book.

I blame no one in the matter except myself however for having signed Spence Blachette's paper without carefully reading the whole contents.

The sale is, I think, a fair one, and it will continue for I am bringing out a series of articles in 'The Strand' which will come out in book form, and which refers to 'The Sign of Four'. The other 'Sherlock Holmes' book, ^{A Study in Scarlet.} is just coming out in a new Edition, the third, which is to be more expensive than its predecessors.

With kind regards
Yours very truly
Alonzo Doyle.