

Letter from Lord Lytton to Messrs de Erven F. Bohn, 05 February 1873

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To Messrs.
the Erven F. Bohn
Haarlem.
Holland

Knebworth Park Stevenage Herts, 5 Feb.ry 1873

Gentlemen,

I reply to your letter of the 29th Ulto, offering 30 £ for an early copy of my late father's forthcoming novel "Kenelm Chellengly". I beg to inform you that I have simultaneously received from another Dutch Firm, precisely the same offer, viz. 30 £ for an early copy of that work, with a view to a Dutch translation of it. I am prepared to come to an agreement with the Firm which makes me the highest offer; and, as both your offers are at present precisely the same, I request you to inform me by return of post whether you are disposed to encrease your offer; and, if so, to what amount. I may add that in my own opinion, and also in that of all the foreign Firms with which I have concluded arrangements for early sheets, the posthumus interest of this book greatly enhances the commercial value of it.

I am now correcting the last proofs of "Kenelm Chellengly"; and, as the book will be published shortly, if you desire to secure an early copy, I trust you will favour me with an early reply.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen
Your obedt. Servt

Lytton