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I believe that according to my contracts, (whatever may be true of the other books), "The Life of Abraham Lincoln", "He Knew Lincoln" and "The Tariff in Our Own Times" are not transferable without my express permission - I will take up the matter of their disposition with Mr. McClure. As for the other three, ~~can~~ <sup>there not be</sup> as a fair adjustment of the matter ~~got~~ some impartial appraisement of the value of these, so that I might take them over, and the disposition of the proceeds could be adjusted between you and Mr. McClure without interfering with your interests - Kindly let me know if this strikes you as feasible and proper.

Very truly yours,