Letter from Wallace, Alfred Russel to Wallace, William Greenell [ARW's son]
Dated: 14 June 1907

My dear Will

I do not think that the Doctor will trouble about my letter if two or more Lawyer’s letters have not made him pay. Perhaps he is hard up and cannot pay. I will however write on condition that if it fails it shall be followed by a Summons, or other actual Legal proceedings. If Flora does not mean to take that step -- the only effectual [[2]] one -- then I had rather not take any part, as I must threaten legal proceedings to be of any use whatever.

I think myself the only way to get anything is to commence proceedings -- by Summons &c. That will make him show his hand, & if he can pay, he will, rather that the publicity of appearing in Court. I think Flora sh’d have no further scruple, but instruct the lawyer [[3]] to take proceedings. Surely it is better to lose such a man’s custom than £28.

Also I cannot interfere in the case except with the wish or permission of the lawyer. [MS incomplete]

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