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17th. November, 1972.

Mr. S. J.H. Van Hengel,
Saxenrodeweg 30,
Aerdenhout.
Holland.

Dear Mr. Hengel,

The manuscript material which you sent to this office — but to our former address — reached us while I was on holiday, immediately after which I was away from the office for several weeks attending various golfing events.

Consequently it was not possible for me to digest in detail, right away, the material you had sent to us. Consequently I apologise for the delay in replying to your letter.

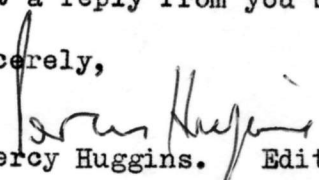
I have now read some of your manuscript and have found it most interesting. You certainly have made a good case out for golf having originated in Holland.

Frankly I could not use all the material as it appeared in the Dutch magazine "Golf". I could however use parts of the historical material, with suitable explanations, and this I shall do if it is acceptable to you.

Of course, in the absence of a reply from us before now, you may have taken steps to place the material elsewhere.

Therefore I shall now await a reply from you before proceeding further.

Yours sincerely,


Percy Huggins. Editor.

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Percy Huggins Esq., Editor,
113, St. Vincent Street,
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November 28th, 1972.

Dear Mr. Huggins,

This is to thank you for your letter of the 17th instant.
Let me begin by saying that, as it says in the introduction, it is not my object to prove whether golf originated in Scotland or Holland because it is impossible to prove the absence of it in either country before a given date. All I have been trying to do is to gather the positive facts which can be substantiated by evidence, because I was getting somewhat tired of all the "might have been's" which seem to lead a long and airy-fairy life !


I am sorry to have missed you when I was in Scotland in September. I had my collection of illustrative material along and the pictures in the articles in the Dutch Golf Monthly is but a small selection made by the editor of that paper. I am almost convinced that you might wish to select other pictures than those with the Dutch articles. There is a problem, however. I have but one collection of pictures and documents, some of which were very hard to come by. I am not very keen on sending you this book through the mail. Mail being what it is today, it might easily get lost.
In the first week of February I will be staying in London, and if you should happen to be there at that time I could take it along and let you have a look at it.

If you wish to use part of the historical material, and I can well understand your not using all of it, I would agree to your doing so on one condition. The condition being that the publication would not break the historical trend which it has given me such a lot of work to build up. I would therefore have to ask you to let me have the article(s) before publication which would in that case be subject to my prior approval. I have no doubt that you can improve on my English !

I have not yet taken steps to place the material elsewhere, chiefly because there is no hurry to do so. The only periodical in which the material will be published in full is the Golf Collectors Society Bulletin. You may not even have heard of the existence of it, since the society is a very small although international body. This publication is under reservation of all the copyrights. I am almost convinced that not more than - say - 10 of your readers would read the "Bulletin" . (This publication is moreover without any illustrations).

Trusting that this will answer your letter, I am

sincerely yours



STEVEN J. H. VAN HENGEL - SAXENRODEWEG 30 - AERDENHOUT

December 27th, 1972

Mr. Percy Huggins,
113, St. Vincent Street,
G l a s g o w G2 5HO.

Dear Mr. Huggins

Living up to my promises I am enclosing a copy of the Dutch brochure of "Early Golf" just off the press.

I am furthermore enclosing an English translation of the titles to the pictures.

With kind regards, I am

*yours
van Hengel*

Enclosure.

Percy Huggins Esq. Editor,
Golf Monthly,
13, St. Vincent Street,
Glasgow G2 5HU

April 2nd, 1973

Dear Mr. Huggins,

This refers to my letter of 28 November 1972 in reply to yours of the 17th November.

Not having heard from you since then I would kindly ask you to return the manuscript material to me at your earliest convenience.

I am,

sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature, possibly 'J' or 'D', written in ink.



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20th. April, 1973.

Mr. Steven J.H. Van Hengel,
Saxenrodeweg 30,
Aerdenhout.

Dear Mr. Van Hengel,

I very much regret that I have not, as yet, been able to devote the time I feel necessary to digesting your material for possible publication in "Golf Monthly". I do not like to rush into things, particularly when they are topics of such importance. I like to devote time to planning and preparation.

In the circumstances I understand your desire to have the material returned to you, and I have pleasure in doing so. I'm sorry that things have not worked out as I had hoped.

Yours sincerely,

Percy Huggins.
Editor.