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Rockroad House,

Mullinahone, County Tipperary.

January 1st, 1922.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th. inst. re inquiries of reprisals.

On the 8th. April, 1921, about 12 o'clock, (noon), an officer of the British Army and about 20 soldiers came to our house and read a document signed by General Cameron, giving us an hour to leave the house, and to remove valuables, clothes and foodstuffs.

When the hour was up we were put out on the street at the point of the rifle and stood there for about four hours looking at them breaking everything with pickaxes, crowbars and sledge hammers. Two officers got out on the roof and destroyed it. They played the piano and sang and then used the pick on it.

They didn't even leave us a cup or a teapot without smashing.

At 9 p.m. the same night, the black and tans (drunk of course-) came and tried to put us out again.

A representative of the White Cross called in August, and told us to apply for a loan to repair the house. On September 20th, 1921, we got a cheque for £100, and on January 6th, 1922, a second instalment of £100.

Yours faithfully,

M. Vaughan.

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