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Coosan,
Athlone,
January 16th, 1922.

Dear Sir:-

I am pleased to comply with your request of the 1st instant. My house is situated about one mile from Athlone, - One night in ~~June~~ June last about midnight we were awakened by ~~find~~ the place surrounded by Crown Forces, masked and armed with revolvers. Being ordered out and on doing so found the roof, which was thatched, in flames. The raiders on entering sprinkled the furniture and ceilings with petrol and set all on fire. We were allowed no time to remove anything except a few articles of clothing as everything was consumed in a few minutes. The raiders also destroyed barn and stables, containing fuel, timber and farm implements.

Myself and my family, numbering six, were very much affected by our home being destroyed. We could not procure an empty house, and each one had to go to some friend or neighbour; thereby causing great inconvenience and expense.

Prior to being granted the Loan from the White Cross we received the sum of twelve pounds, which was of great help to us. Later we were granted a Loan of £310 in all. Having already received first instalment of £150, with part of same we have re-roofed cowsheds and barn, which we use as temporary dwelling, enabling us to carry on our business. We hope to rebuild our house in the near future.

I have no objection to my name being used in publication; and heartily desire to thank you and our American friends for all they have done for us in the fight for Liberty.

With many thanks to you,

I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Thomas Wanslow.

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