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Bridge Street,
Strokestown.

24. 1. '22.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 6th instant, I beg to state I was in prison for a year and about two years on the run. As a result my wife and eight young children were dependent on the charity of others as they had no one to attend to my business, namely, Sawmills, Threshing, etc. and all my machinery was practically derelict.

Thanks to the Irish White Cross I got money to start my business again, and to renew and attend to my machinery. Had they not come to the rescue I had no means, not even to buy fuel etc. to run the machinery much less to buy materials to work on.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) James Ryan.

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P. S. The loan I received was £350. 0. 0.