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Dear Sir:-

I received your letter with thanks. I am giving you some details of my burned premises.

I was burned out by Crown Forces on the 8th April, 1921. My dwelling house was completely burned out, also my furniture, bedding, clothes, food stuffs. Everything I had in my dwelling was completely burned, also all my out offices, cars, machinery, hay, straw, turnips, mangolds, potatoes, fowls of every description, and my family left homeless for six months. I had to leave my farm-yard and live in a cold cottage some distance away. My only son was "on the run" and in gaol for eight months. Since my house etc, were burned, I had no machinery or implements to do any work. I am an old man myself, - 73 years of age, and could not work. I received no White Cross money by the week, or in any way, only £2.0.0. last August, until I received the Loan of £200 to roof and slate my dwelling house. I am sorry I have no picture of my burned premises.

I would be only delighted to have my name published throughout America.

With kind regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd). John O'Leary.