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Old Road House,
Rathmore.
CO. KERRY.

Jan'y 16th, 1922.

C. J. France Esq.,
Standard Hotel,
DUBLIN.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 10th inst. my dwelling house was completely burned by Crown Forces, - an official reprisal, on the 2nd May, 1921. It was almost a mile distant from the scene of the ambush. It was recently built by myself, and was well furnished for a farmer's dwelling. Every article it contained, together with beds and bedding, were totally destroyed. My estimate of the damage would very near amount to £1500. I need not tell you that it was a great draw-back in my business. My family and myself had to take shelter in a barn up to Christmas. God Almighty favoured us with an exceptionally fine year, and we were well contented with our lot. My three boys were "on the run" for months, and would only pay us a flying visit. At first the neighbours were very kind to us, and gave us accommodation, then a friend provided me with a few beds, and we tried to get along as best we could.

The Loan I received of £200 enabled me to rebuild the home. It was satisfactory to me and my family that we were able to live in it for the Christmas, and it was the first of the inclement weather. I am delighted to have it fixed up again and that the family are well after their experience. We never grumbled as the sacrifices should be made for the freedom of the country. Houses can be rebuilt but lives cannot be restored. I am enclosing you photo, - it is only the back of the house. It is the only one I have. I would like that you would use your influence and get me some Grant to purchase a little furniture. You can use my name.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd). Tim T. Moynihan.