

has suffered considerable loss
in fact nearly the whole of his
Committee &c but he is fully
insured fortunately - one or
two of the cottagers also
lost their premises & their things -

I will write further in a few
days -

I remain

Yours obed^t. Servant

Alfred

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Sturminster Newton

Dorset 11th July 1887

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I regret to have to report
a fire has occurred at Ash
Farm occupied by Mr. D. Lewis
in the parish of Sturminster, by
which the Farm House, a barn
House, Stable, Diggery and Barn
were destroyed as well as 4
cottages on the other side of the

wood, the whole of the Buildings
with the exception of the Store House
were very old, mud walls and
shatched and not of much value
but of course included the houses
as well as good Buildings, the
bulk of the Store Buildings were
on the Hill about half a mile
from the Fire fortunately & were
consequently saved but if these
had been destroyed they were

saved as they ^{were} newly built some
few years ago & were in danger
of being destroyed before so then
the Government had to keep them
saved -

Erwin is awake for the
bottlers & also for Dr Lewis for
the present but the latter requires
some further temporary arrangement
about which I intend to see
Mr Green to-morrow, the Lewis