

We had a very severe thunderstorm  
but fortunately but little damage  
done.

I remain

Your very obedt. Servant

Alfred Cecil

(B335)  
At Cheselbromme Hurminster. Newton.

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Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I regret to inform you  
that a fire has occurred on  
Woodville Farm in the occupation  
of Mr Street by which a Stone  
& Barn were burnt down, it is  
the cottage that old Sanson  
used to live in & where he died



about 4 years ago, fortunately  
it was an old Building & not  
of much value, I do not know  
the cause of the fire but will  
cause inquiries to be made.

The man named Thorne who  
has written from home is not a  
Steward on the Property at present  
he was some time ago and was  
a very troublesome man and anything

but a good Steward, I go to  
home on Thursday until Saturday  
when I shall no doubt see him  
& hear what he has to say as  
to small plots. Next week I go  
to London for the usual time at  
this period of the year.

The weather is now very fine  
for the crops and the outlook at  
present is a good one, yesterday