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Sturminster Newton,

Dorset 24<sup>th</sup> June 1889

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

The cabinets have been  
just arrived at the Station and  
I will have them taken to Sturminster  
& see that they are looked after.

I was about to write to day  
to say that unfortunately a fire  
has occurred at Sturminster Brook  
by which 4 cottages were destroyed

fortunately it is 4 of the oldest  
in the Parish and as they are  
not used for Farm purposes it  
will not be necessary to rebuild  
them of course these are not insured.

I have made a claim on  
the Insurance Office for the 3  
Bulls killed by the lightning &  
shall no doubt get paid for  
them -

I am glad to be able to

report favourably on the agricultural  
situation & to say that the Spring  
harvest is proceeding rapidly  
in this splendid weather.

Yours  
L. L. L.

Your very obedt. Servant  
Alfred