

He would have to go to Wisbury,
He said he did not see going
there, as he had done nothing
he was then threatened to
be handcuffed; he then
said he should go & see you
feeling sure you would
enquire into it, but as you
are aware, he was not
allowed to state his wrong
to you, but was searched
& then taken, without the
least preparation, a long
cold journey, searched
again, & then cast into
a cell & kept there the
outside limit the law
allows, locked up 2 nights
besides all his degradation

(L116)

Mursey Foot Lodge
Tollard Green
Nov. 30th/89

Sir, Pardon the liberty I
am taking in addressing
you, but as the case against
the boys was withdrawn,
I thought it likely, you may
not have heard the facts
concerning it. Had it pro-
ceeded every one would have
seen that those charged
were innocent, as they
did not cut the ferry
for the Moufire, nor brought

The Carpet on the scene,
& when the Manding furnace
was lighted they were some
little distance off. Those
that did light it thought
they were doing no harm,
seeing it has been the
custom for a generation
past & no notice was
given that it was to be
discontinued this year,
this was however the only
year any member of our
family has been out
amongst it. It was
quite by accident our
son happened to be there
as he was returning from

Mr. Mirtons, Tolland when
he met 2 of the party in
the Lane, they walked on
together till they came to
the Bonfire, (& this was
in his direct line home)
when they halted, some
tried to light the fire
without success, my son
stood with his both
hands in his pocket,
when seeing a fire a
little distance they went
to it, when the Policeman
came & apprehended them,
the whole time they were
there on the green, was
but a few minutes
when my son, was told

They have now to bear the
 brunt of fear, "They have
 been to jail" Altho
 the case in this neighbour-
 hood may be well known,
 still I consider it a
 stain on a formerly respect-
 able man's character,
 just starting in life.
 The police in his evidence
 said, "Arnold did not
 take such an active part
 at the fest" then why
 was he taken away??
 Are the police to be
 allowed to bring charges
 against people that

They can't substantiate, if
so, then no one can
feel safe - at not every
moment, you might be
put to trouble, humiliation
& great expense.

Every one must admit
the boys have been
very badly treated.

& put to great expense
for what they did
not do; just at a
time when every
thing is so very

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Love & work so scarce
Trusting you will
pardon me the liberty
I have taken
I beg to remain Sir
Your Obedient Servant
L. Arnold