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Stourpaine Vicarage,  
Blandford.

My dear Sir.

You may have heard of the terrible  
fire we had here yesterday - Four  
cottages were burnt down - and the  
whole of yr. Tenant Mr. Lewis' premises  
dwelling house - barn stables ick  
& everything. It is a sad calamity  
He & his father before him have  
been tenants on the estate for years  
& most highly respected - I write this  
to you for I thought that if you  
were at Rushmore you might be  
inclined to come and see the poor  
folks and I feel that such a  
visit w. be most highly appreciated  
by them  
Yr. very faithfully  
Robert R. Walth.

July 10.  
1857.