



Upton Lovell

FIRE

INCENDIARISM

A very devastating fire, the work of an incendiary, was discovered at 12 at noon on Tuesday, on the farm premises in the occupation of Mr J. Ingram, of Upton Lovell, and before its progress could be arrested it consumed the whole of the buildings, with the exception of the granary, together with 2 wheat ricks in stack, and one in the barn, and a considerable quantity of other grain. We are happy to hear that Mr Ingram is insured to the full amount. – The farm belongs to Joseph Everett, esq., of Heytesbury, who is also insured.

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FIRE AT UPTON LOVELL

We are happy to find that we were incorrect last week in attributing the fire on Mr J. Ingram's premises at Upton Lovell, to an incendiary. "It is true (says a highly respected correspondent) that the origin of the fire is involved in mystery, but there is not the slightest ground for thinking it was a willful act; nor can it be supposed that any one on the place or neighbourhood has any feeling of enmity towards Mr Ingram that could have prompted to so dreadful a deed – more particularly as he was at the time suffering under a severe domestic affliction. On the contrary, the exertions of the whole neighbourhood to arrest the progress of the fire, were not only gratifying to him, but have been marked by the warm approbation of the Sun Fire Office."

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MR EDITOR – Your last having contained a brief report of the fire at Upton Lovell, I send you the following as correct:- On Tuesday, the 30th ult., about midday a fire was discovered bursting forth from a barn on the farm premises at Upton Lovell, belong to Joseph Everret, Esq., and in the occupation of Mr John Ingram, which in a very short time destroyed all the extensive farm-buildings and produce, with the exception of two granaries, a cart-shed, one wheat-rick, and part of a stack of hay. Three thatched cottages situated at some distance from the fire were also consumed, while those that were slated, and situated much nearer, were saved. No satisfactory evidence has yet presented itself as to the cause of the fire. The whole of the property was insured.

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