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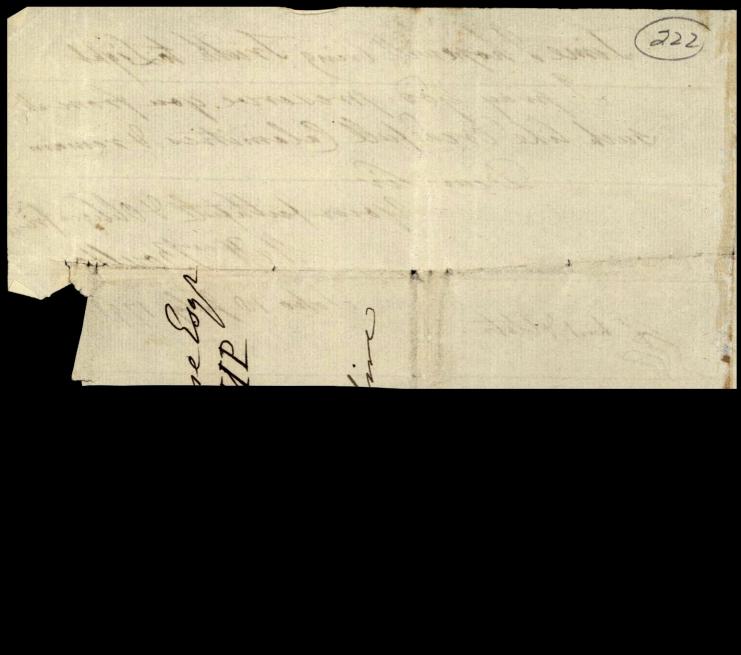
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Remarkable Remarks 1500 Dear Sir your kind & friendly attention to me I to our Sown at this dreadfull Valarming Cricis I feel with redoubles sensibility & gratitude your letter to M Rufsell I have detain I that Endeavour to find some means of conveying to him where ever he may have taken shelter, for alas he hath no home . His House no longor exists. The flames were kindled in his own presence I he remaind the last within its walls My Taylors house toffices with all their furniture is totaly destroyed as well as his new Built House call Mosely Hall in which Lady Carhampton resided to the day of its distruction, Her houshold Goods were saved but all her Hayrisho made a dreatfull flame last night. I sond you inclosed a list of such distructions as I can recollect at this moment but I hear that other enormities were committed last night of which I have not yet received my acc. that I can depend upon My Triend D'Withering hath been in a dreadfule Tituation for 3 Days patt as his House was

most certainly down in the Clark List We have thought Neglect & delay was chargable apon Somebody in not Sending us any Melitary Juccour before ten of lock last night when 56 Dragoons arived & 15 more this more the Morning but I am just informed that the commanding officer vays he cannot act out of the County Town of Birmy at least out of Warwirdshire without further orders from the decretary of War & it unfortunately happens that Horcestershire comes within & a Mile of Birmy, " on one side & Stafforshire within 2 a Milt on the other side. Mr Taylors Hanses, Dybriefly, M. Humphones's, Mr Hawks) Mittobsons & Meeting At use with other moller Houses are in the Country of Novester & the Mot though much decreased & enfectled are get some breaking the peace in that County I thought it may duty to the publick to my Self I tomy Work people who are near a Thousand to affend them Closely & by my example & advice I have the satisfaction to Jay not one of them quitted John or journ't the Mol I shall foreteer to make any Commento upon any part of this Violent business business

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Your kind & friendly attention to me & to our Town at this dreadfull & alarming cricis I feel with redoubled sensibility & gratitude. Your letter to Mr Russell I have detaind & shall endeavor to find some means of conveying to him where ever he may have taken shelter, for alas he hath no home. His House no longer exists. The flames were kindled in his own presence & he remaind the last within its walls.

Mr Taylors house & offices with all their furniture is totally destroyd as well as his new Built House calld Mosely Hall in which Lady Carhampton resided to the day of its destruction. Her household goods were saved but all her Hayricks made a dreadfull flame last night. I send you inclose a list of such destructions as I can recollect at this moment but I hear that other enormities were committed last night of which I have not yet received anny acct. that I can depend upon.

My friend Dr. Withering hath been in a dreadfull situation for 3 Days past as his House was most certainly down in the Black List. We have thought Neglect & delay was chargable upon somebody in not sending us any Military succour before ten oclock last night when 56 Dragoons arived & 15 more this morning but I am just informd that the commanding officer says he cannot act out of the Town of Birmgm at least out of Warwickshire without further orders from the Secretary of War & it unfortunately happens that Warwickshire comes within ½ a mile of Birmgm on one side & Staffordshire within ½ a mile on the other side. Mr Taylors Houses, Dr. Priestleys, Mr. Humphries's Mr. Hawks, Mr Hobsons & 1 Meeting House with other smaller Houses are in the County of Worcester & the Mob though much decreased & enfeebled are yet breaking the peace in that County.

I thought it my duty to the publick to my self & to my Work people (who are near a thousand) to attend them closely & by my example & advice I have the satisfaction to say that not one of them quitted Soho or join'd the Mob.

I shall forebear to make any comments upon any part of this Violent business. Time I hope will bring Truth to Light.

I pray god preserve you from all such like dreadfull calamities & remain

Dear Sir

Your faithfull & Obliged friend

Matt: W Boulton

Soho 18 July 1791