

Lancaster, Nov. 11. 1863.

Dear Sir -

I have just received the first communication from my manager, since the rebels visited him, or he has been cooped up. They were led to where our teams were, on Tuesday, by some friend, and took all my horses, mules & harness, even the crippled horses that were running at large. They then seized my bacon (about 4000 lbs.), molasses and other contents of the store - took about \$1,000 worth of corn in the mills, and a like quantity of other grain. On Wednesday, they burned the furnace, saw-mill, two forges and rolling mill. They slept in the office and store-room on that night, and burnt them with goods & all on Saturday morning.

They even hauled off my bar iron, being as they said convenient for shoeing horses & wagons about \$4000 worth. They destroyed all my fences (I had just built a large quantity of post & rail fence, as I was clearing out a farm.) My grain (about 80 tons) they destroyed; and broke in the windows of the dwelling houses where the workmen lived. They could not have done the job much cheaper. It is rather worse than I expected. All the bellows & bellows houses, and ~~the~~ run.

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out establishment are gone.

They finally expressed great regret that they were
not so fortunate as to meet the owner, who seems
to be very popular with the chivalry. I know not what
the poor families will do. I must provide for their
present relief.

Madam. Sterner

Ad. S. Sterner.