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20<sup>th</sup> July 1900

#### FIRE AT RIMINGTON

This morning, a disastrous fire occurred at the shop of Mr Duckworth, grocer, Rimington, formerly occupied by Mr Townson, which is part of a block of buildings, some of which are old thatched roofs. The fire was observed about 9 o'clock and not withstanding every effort to subdue it, the roof fell in about noon. The origin of the fire was supposed to be a spark from the chimney, or the extreme heat of the sun setting aflame the thatched roof, as the fire is believed to have commenced at the top. The goods were saved by being taken into the street, but the building at the back and the fixtures are destroyed.

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#### THE LATE FIRE AT RIMINGTON

The following extract is from a letter received by the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade:-

Post Office  
Stopper Lane  
Nr Clitheroe  
6<sup>th</sup> August 1900

Dear Sir, - Enclosed please find cheque for payment of my account for the fire at my shop in Rimington.

Will you please convey my best thanks to all the Firemen who assisted in extinguishing the fire. I consider great praise is due to you all, for the admirable manner in which you went about your work, and for the willingness in which you all worked, and it affords me great pleasure to enclose you another cheque value £1, to either be divided among the men, or you can put it to your fund, which you think best.

Yours gratefully

JOHN DUCKWORTH