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Edward P Thomas Pres

Sr Sir

On Thursday last I went to Mr Scott's to reconduct the insurance as directed by the board of directors I saw Mr Scott who seemed very much averse to having any reduction of the insurance & said that one of his sons was ill in the house and it would be very annoying to disturb him by making an examination of the house, she however went down with me to the barn and cow house and gave me the key to Tenant-house No 1 for me to examine that & I did so also Nos 2 & 3 - Mr Scott said that the Tenant-houses belonged to the Doctor who was in Washington but

would be at her home on Saturday
I then went to examine the Tenant-
houses. No 3 I found we could not
penetrate under our rules as it has a
brick chimney starting on the second
floor in a corner of one of the rooms
and passing through the roof. This while
convey to our rules is evidently very unsafe
as the floor on which it stands has
already been on fire and is burned
into holes about it

No 1 I could not get into as the key
I had would not ^{it being passed} open it and the
other entrances seemed to be fast, but
through the different windows I got
a pretty good view of the first floor
and it looked very dilapidated doors
& windows broken & the plastering falling
the roof (a plate one) being partly gone
the house is evidently going to destruction
rapidly & will soon be not worth
repairing.

No 2 I found also in bad condition
its kitchen floor was hardly safe to
walk on and roof about gone
while main building floor was
worn out & patched with pieces of
an old goods box & both this house
& No 3 need collars for the stove pipes
to enter the chimneys.

After making these examinations I
went back to see Mr S & told her
to pay to the doctor that I thought
the company should cancel the
ins on the Tenant-houses but that
I would not report until to day
so as to give him an opportunity to see
me if he wished to before report was
made as I have not seen or heard
from him, I now recommend that
the ins on these three Tenant-houses
be cancelled.

As to the property about Mr S'
dwelling, the wing of the main

building ^{it} seems a porch and much of
 the plastering of our side is missing the
 side from the effects of the storm & that
 they would be replaced and some
 repairs made to Bam and Com house
 as soon as her son was able to attend
 to it, the inside of the house as far
 as I saw it - (only the parlour & front
 passage) seemed in good condition
 and on the outside the house except that
 south wing of it - looked fairly well
 both Bam & Com house show
 some ^{little} storm damage which they say
 they are preparing to repair and I should
 thank they they as well as dwelling are
 worth the amount we have on them
 the Carriage house is a heap of
 rubbish & should be taken off of
 the Policy in Conclusion I have

to say that- while I have not-
 fulfilled the instructions of the
 resolution of the Board I have
 done the best I could under the
 circumstances, and if you think
 that- I am mistaken as to the condition
 & value of dwelling property in Palmer
 or that Ferguson may know more about
 it-

Yours very respectfully
 W. S. Checkley

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