

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

SOUTH YARRA.

To the Editor of the Argus.

SIR,—The fearful Thursday ever to be remembered in this colony, was equally destructive on the south side, as on the north side of the Yarra.

Major Newman chose that day of all days to set fire to his stubble, the flames of which soon became uncontrollable, and swept in their onward course all the possessions of the unfortunate people who live by sawing and splitting— all of whom were obliged to run for their lives, abandoning all they possessed but what was on their backs.

Mr Thompson, Warrandyte, had two drays destroyed with their loads of sawed timber.

Mr Louis Robinson of the Deep Creek, lost all, his entire premises being swept away.

On the evening of that day, no less than fifty persons took refuge in the only place spared in the Deep Creek, Bulleen, that of

Mr Pickering who was obliged to bathe his dwelling, and have water incessantly handed him to keep off burning flakes of bark which were flying in the air and endangered every dwelling.

The people thus houseless in the Deep Creek, Bulleen, who were all engaged in sawing or splitting wood, have lost not only the timber saw, but their tools with which they got their living— in consequence they are destitute, and are now soliciting the aid of their more fortunate neighbours.

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Bulleen, 12th February, 1851.