

Transcript of Merchant's letter referring to the fire

Honoured Mr Courthop

I must beg your p[ar]don if I write noncense for I
am in a sad condicion, my house burnt and all my other
houses in London to [th]e valew of 150^{li} p[er] Annum but
as to your Accompts & business all is safe only I
have 500^{li} in S[i]r Robert viners hands how they
have dispos[e]d of their Cash I know not but will
make enquiry that soe I may supply your occasion
as long as I am able you shalbe sure to leave
from me next weeke, and I hope to satisfie
your desires, but truly S[i]r here is the saddest place
that ever was seen and I believe there is not
one house standing within [th]e walls except some
few at Leadenhall Street & ffanchurch Streete
it is still burning, and when it will cease
none knows for [th]e french Preists have
a world of fireballs which they scatter
up & downe in all places I saw one of
their Balls this morning and thence was
taken 3 Bushells of them soe that we can
not be safe any where till thes p[er]sons are
destroyd which I hope his Ma[jes]ty will see
done I have nothing more but th[i]s I shall
ever be yo[u]r devoted servant Hump[hrey] Tuck[ey]

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Sept 6

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Mr Houghton presents his respects to you
and is a sad man for [th]e Citty beside his own
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