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**Transcript of John Morgan's eye-witness statement**

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| Hon[ou]red Gent[le]men  |
| I whose name is undernamed: am desired by frinds                |
| of mine, to declare and attest unto you what I                  |
| seen in [th]e late fatall destruction of [th]e                  |
| once famous city of London by the inutricible                   |
| fire, As I was in a frinds house in ffyfott Lane Lon            |
| don on [th]e 3 <sup>d</sup> of September in ye year 1666 wheras |
| I was desired to go in to [th]e house to see how near [th]e     |
| fire was. I went in with some folks of [th]e house to           |
| their garrett [tha]t was empty: Standing their with             |
| the folks a little while: Immediately their                     |
| came a wild fire-ball by my eares: who                          |
| fell fiercely into [th]e Corner of [th]e Roome and              |
| pierc[e]d a hole in [th]e boards to [th]e bottome & then        |
| presently it woosd up in smoke & flames of                      |
| fire: [tha]t I was faine to make hast downe                     |
| and leap outt of [th]e window two pair of stairs                |
| and others with me: yet [th]e maine fire was a                  |
| good way off in Thames Street from [th]e houses                 |
| After my Escape I went and acquainted the                       |
| Lord Mayor then of the above said                               |
| Relation and this I shall                                       |
| attest upon oath if legally                                     |
| be called unto  |
| Yo[ur] Servant to serve   |
| you:  |
| Jo[hn] Morgan clerk   |