



### **Lamentable Fire**

On Saturday last six cottages at Britford, near this City, were destroyed by fire. They were inhabited by poor people, and the fire is supposed to have been occasioned by some children having thrown out some live wood ashes behind one of the cottages on some straw, which, quickly igniting, the flames immediately communicated to the thatch above, and from thence to five other cottages. The fire commenced at about a quarter before nine, and the whole were destroyed by 10 o'clock. Two poor men in their endeavours to save their property, were dreadfully burnt, and are now inmates of our infirmary. The above cottages were of a remarkably neat description, and were built a few years since, together with others by G. P. Jervoise Esq. for the accommodation of his labourers.

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