

FIRE AT MIRFIELD.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE LEEDS MERCURY.

GENTLEMEN.—It is only to do justice to the “Mirfield Fire Engine Brigade” that I write to give you a more correct account than the one you received, about the fire at Sands Mill. I consider it only right that our worthy brigade should have their honest share of that “great praise” so profusely lavished by your informant upon others not so deserving. Your statement seemed to imply that Messrs. Firth’s brigade arrived first, but such was not the case. After the orders had been given for Mr. Wheatley’s brigade, two or three of the men who lived nearest, with a few voluntary assistants, had their engine in effective operation in precisely twenty-three minutes, having had to go a mile to the place on fire, and had succeeded in quite extinguishing the flames before any other engine arrived; and instead of there being six engines engaged in suppressing the flames, Mr. Wheatley’s was the only one that rendered any service.

Hoping you will give publicity to these few remarks, and asking the public to give the deserving party their rightful share of that “great praise” which has been awarded to others less worthy,

I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,

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