

to Cape Cod, they will not have the means of carrying a piece of there is no grate fixed in the Banaph which I mentioned in my former letter on this subject. It is now my duty to state the true medical cause that has obliged me to address myself to your Excellency on the present occasion.

The men in both barracks have been without fuel this two days, except what little they borrowed from their neighbours. The agent of the Non Commissioned Officers, in few words, told they had neither wood or stand, and the article of wood was due in December.

It is such very severe weather as the present season has not yet experienced attention, & it is now very difficult to get fuel from the fuel yard at Fort Howe to the lower end, near Little Neck, which was never done before. And the whole of the Company to the yard to bring fuel to the wharf at the Provision Store, & from thence I meant to bring it in scows to the market place.

From thence to the lower end in sleds, about one mile. The men made great objection to bringing the wood in this way, & particularly Genl. Hubbard who appeared to be the leader - my quarters & quarters being very poor, I intended to send them to the General House.

The men were employed from morning till night in bringing only 5 sleds & a half to the Provision wharf. Much was added with difficulty as the whole day was spent in the snow. Now, I am this morning sent a scow to take in the wood from the Provision wharf. They found it impossible to get round York Point, & in their efforts to get back the scow, both sleds were very near being driven out to sea & lost. This took place this morning. I find it is practically to get the fuel in this way, & therefore I must be content with the necessity of getting it in sleds or some other way. However, expenses for incense, it may be, I fear, cannot be had. With my at all, I am to the mean time I think it my duty to state the circumstance to your Excellency, in hope that we may be able to get the fuel in future from the Contractor as formerly, & as proposed in Sweden. I stand, have been told in some time back, in consequence of the advertisement that appeared in the paper in November, & I protest the inconvenience & expense we labour under at present may be removed if your Excellency will be pleased to issue orders to that effect.

I have seen obliged to purchase fuel at a very advanced price - sometimes it has cost me near 7 dollars a cord, & now have I on (and how cold, & that is more distressing) now is to be purchased in the market at present, for some days past, it has already cost me £25 for wood since I arrived here three months ago. I had to cut over 100 money that paid for it. I have been told

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Sir It is painful to me after so many reports of the state of the Antislavery in this Garrison, that I am called upon again to represent to your Excellency the very uncommon state of my Company at present.

In October last when the troops arrived from Redoubt, I reported to the Commandant of this Garrison that the Antislavery has to thank you, on the 18th of that month, Lt. Col. Robinson issued the following Garrison order.

"The Deputy Barrack Master will issue straw to the troops in this Garrison without delay, if he should not have any in his possession he is to take the proper steps for immediately procuring, that necessary article." With the forwarding this order the Deputy Barrack Master procured no straw, although I pointed out where plenty was to be had close to the town. I applied to him to know, if I engaged it whether he would pay for it - Mr. Chandler declined procuring either straw, or engaging to pay for what he could get - I made known this circumstance to Lt. Col. Robinson & afterwards I was obliged to report again the inconvenience my Company experienced for the want of straw - On the 25th October the Commandant issued a second order as follows.

"The Barrack Master will issue straw to the troops in Garrison in proportion to the strength of the Co. provided he has sufficient for the accommodation of the whole." By this order it would appear as if part could be had, but it was no such thing. I spoke to Mr. J. Chandler the Deputy Barrack Master - he said he could not help it, that he only could issue what was delivered to him & that he did not do more. On your Excellency's arrival the latter end of October I renewed my application to the Commandant - he said he has no authority to do more than he did. That Brigadier Major Hailes had informed him Lt. Col. Robinson that he should be procured as at this very time, could procure more than sufficient for my Company - The Commandant declined any further interference as your Excellency being then present in this Garrison - after your Excellency's departure my Company, & particularly I, presented to me the hardship they suffered for the want of straw, & was very, as last was obliged to take up the business being a witness that they suffered much, & that was persuaded if a true representation was made, your Excellency would

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