

redress their grievance. I made my report
 accordingly in a letter addressed to your Excellency the 26th of
 August which stated nothing but facts & which I have
 afterwards requested may be minutely enquired into. As
 the General Order of the 3rd inst. containing a report of the
 State of the Artillery Barracks signed by Murray & Major
 A. B. Conable, & the 1st and 2nd Bn. Artillery Master is
 in the hands of my Stationer I bear the appearance
 as if my report of the 24th inst. was unfounded. That
 a list of names of further barracks in the Genl. Order
 transmitted by Major Murray & Major Hailes, being signed
 by the Major Hailes. I suppose your Excellency
 to the General Order alluded to. In answer to the
 2nd Bn. that the Honor of addressing to your Excellency
 the 24th inst. I received one from Major Hailes
 of the 3rd of the same month. The following is
 an extract. "His Excellency has directed a copy of the
 part of your letter respecting the situation of the
 Barracks of the Royal Artillery in the Garrison
 of St. John's to be transmitted to the Ordnance
 who is to report thereupon." After receiving
 this letter I suspected the Ordnance Storekeeper who
 is likewise Ordnance Barracks Master would have
 consulted me in this business - that Gentleman
 however did not think it worth his while to ask
 me any question as to the state of the Artillery
 Barracks; but I am informed he asked some of the
 one or two Soldiers of my Company. I have never
 heard what report the Ordnance Storekeeper made
 for any thing further until I saw a General
 Order of the 14th December which referred the
 inspection of the Artillery Barracks to another
 person (Major Murray) who was likewise to
 report - he was to be assisted by the Depy. Barracks
 Master. The inspection took place without
 my knowledge - had this Gentleman considered
 to acquaint the Commanding Officer of that Bn.
 who was so intimately concerned when he made
 the inspection I have reason to think his report
 would have been more correct & explanatory.
 I should be guilty of making it founded
 Complaints, or mis stating facts in my report
 was liable to very severe censure - on the
 other hand if my report (however well founded)
 was done away by another & that that subsequent
 report should, on enquiry, be found an incorrect
 statement not sufficiently explained & to convey
 an idea that I made a false report, it is surely
 due to that Officer to inform, & to the Corps
 who suffer by it, to lay it open in the face of day
 & to let your Excellency & the world to judge
 of me & them.
 I mention that in the old Barracks
 Dingell House there was only two fire
 places.

places. A Soldier is not paid by word,
 not strictly applicable or mental reservation - they
 are understood in a plain sense & obvious meaning - it
 appears there is a chimney to one of the little rooms
 which I did not know until the 24th report led me to
 enquire into the 3rd fire places set forth in Major
 Murray's report - one of these fire places in the
 little room, has never been made use of since the
 sitting occupied it - indeed it is impossible as the
 two chimneys in it extend half way across the chimney
 board & so closed that any person would be deceived as
 to its appearance of no chimney being in it & so far
 was I from thinking Major Murray reported 3 fire
 places, it may be repeated he would have explained
 that one of them was shut up & had not been used
 admitting even so many chimneys in this Barracks
 it would be no advantage as their fuel is scarce -
 sufficient for the two they make use of, one only
 occasionally for cooking - the other room, altho
 small, is the only one that can be called a Banash
 room - the two small rooms can only contain two
 beds in each with room just to move in
 one of them is more properly a passage as the
 outer door which is exposed to the St. W. winds
 directly into it & at this very inclement & X X
 season, it is any thing but comfortable. As
 there is neither fire or stove in either of them
 if there was a stove as there was some time
 back, I would warm the whole Barracks
 the kitchen (which is one of the four rooms
 as it is called) is back of a door directly into
 the great hall - it is made use of only for cooking
 & the keeping the pots, kettles, & all wood coal
 & in besides having a place open on
 the top to which there is a ladder fixed - the
 cellar has not been sufficient to prevent the steam
 potatoes, being smoked their open. There is no
 discept the Barracks that Major Murray & Mr.
 Chandler say contains - four comfortable rooms
 three fire places, good cellar &c. As to the
 other Barracks, I think it is just as I stated in
 my letter of the 24th inst. - the second chimney
 in this room is rather a disadvantage as they
 have not fuel to keep fires in both of them
 of course the one that is open, only makes the
 room still colder. So far it was due to the
 Service to be respectively, to explain the
 true state of the Barracks & to show I did
 my self to prove a true & honest statement
 of facts. That part of my letter of the 24th inst.
 respecting Taylor's room, room for clothing, my
 request that the Men in the New Barracks being
 allowed all wood, not having any place to burn
 coal &c. &c. has not been advanced to in any letter
 have received from British Major Hailes. I request
 your Excellency will excuse me if I take the liberty of
 referring it to your Excellency's recollection. As to
 the Men in the New Barracks are obliged to