without detriment to the fulfillment of other duties expected of them.

The wood on the south branch of the Pawnee Fork is all cut off, there is but little wood on the middle branch and we would be obliged to haul for next year's use from north branch-about 45 miles-this fact in connection with the reduction of teams lately made, renders the furnishing of wood to this Post by contract imperatively necessary. We need all our teams for the hauling of stone for building.

I am very respectfully your obt. servt.

H. Douglas, Major....