

impossible for Gen. Marcy to inspect, as he did, and make a report which would convey a just estimate of the character of the work. He encamped one-half mile from the Post, stayed the next day without making any detailed examination and on the day after/about one o'clock he left the Post. He scarcely gave an hour's examination.

I further respectfully state that the implied accusations contained in Gen. Marcy's report of ~~recklessness~~ and expenditure on the part of the ~~AAQOM~~ AAQM or myself is incorrect and invite investigation.

On my arrival at this Post in December last I found the ~~super-structures~~ super-structures of several buildings partially completed. I thought it expedient, or tasteful/ and in the end more economical to raise the balance of the super-structures as they were originally designed: to have departed from the plan by continuing the super-structures in preference to the fronts of the buildings of masonry of a different character would/ not only have made in my opinion, a poor building, not worth the outlay but would have evinced on the part of the architect a lamentable want of good taste--if I erred in this I erred in judgement, not with unintention or heedlessness in regard to expenditure. It was and is my intention to put up the balance of the buildings, the foundations of which have not been laid, as rough as is consistent with strength, durability and comfort.

The estimated cost of completed company quarters included everything for \$18,242.14. This I think somewhat of an over-estimate. At least a very liberal one. The length of the building is 130 feet, width 30, height clear from floor to ceiling 9 ft 2 in. with a [angle? --figure drawn out] length and width ~~respectively~~ respectively 52 by 30 with a ~~wood~~ wood house, wash room, and privy.

The report mentions the fact that the stone is hauled "~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> 12 miles" but instead