

it is as unjust and ungenerous as it is untrue. Gen. Marcy certainly cannot ^a mean that personal comfort is inconsistent with the proper regard for the obligations of one's station, or that an officer must deny himself all comfort in order to perform his duty efficiently; the impression apparently sought to be given in the ~~w~~ording of the report is, that personal comfort is or was studied by officers to the exclusion of higher obligations. The assertion is a sweeping one, and covers the whole Santa Fe Road westward as far, I believe, as "Camp Reynolds." I protest respectfully against its application in any sense to any of the officers of the Post which I command. The comfort of the men and the storage of government property have been the first things considered to the exclusion of officers, and families and their comforts, and a foundation laid as yet for officers quarters they will probably have to live three feet under ground as they did last winter.

I object to the report as a gross piece of injustice. I deem my position as an officer, intrusted with a responsible command, sufficiently respectable to ~~compell~~ me to combat the position assumed--the fact that the report called for the endorsement of the "Division Commander" is a ~~st~~ufficient commentary on the justice of it to all who know me and my official relations. I invite investigations of all the points assumed, and will shrink from nothing which will lay bear all my acts and intentions.

I mean ~~to~~ ^{no} disrespect ~~to~~ to the high position occupied by Gen. Marcy but I disclaim the right of any man Superior or Inferior to be unjust to me. During my fifteen years service it is the first time that I have been the subject of an ~~an~~adversion. I am very respectfully your obt. ~~servt.~~ servt.

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