



Fort Snelling papers

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Fort Snelling August 1826

Six companies of the Infantry Cord Snelling Command^d
 Company A Brevet Maj^r Fowl (Lieut^t Harris Command^d)
 " B Brevet Maj^r Hamilton
 " C Capt Clark
 " D Brevet Maj^r Newbark
 " E Capt T Hunt (Lieut^t Bosley Command^d)
 " F Capt Wilcox
 " Police

Preparation of the messes makes good in every particular. The different mess rooms have been frequently visited by me at the meal hours & at each time, every thing was found to give proof of abundance, good cookery, perfect cleanliness & of the utmost decorum on the part of those partaking of the good fare. —
 Bunks & Arm racks — neither conform exactly to regulation, the Bunks have not the proper number of shelves & the form of the Arm racks is not such as to enable the Soldiers to put in their proper places his musket & equipments — To the same effect previous different readings will be given, however correctly & precisely they may be worded. To obviate all this & to ensure exact uniformity, it is necessary, that correct drawings of both Bunks & Arm racks, exhibiting their forms, position with relation to the chamber, mode of numbering &c be furnished to each post.

A peruse of the Battalion under arms - five
 A more minute inspection found no want of clean
 uniforms in either - clothes arms or equipments - Some
 muskets & a few cartridge boxes are not exactly
 for field service but will answer very well for garrison
 use. Clothings - well marked - Boots - correct
 It is believed, but differently perhaps from the form
 - ded by the framers of the regulation - I would have
 it understood that the regimental Books & such
 company Books as have been exhibited, are to the
 fullest sense of the term the property of the Regt.
 Not having been furnished by the 2nd M^g Depot, but
 made at the Post, out of such paper suited to the
 purpose, as could be purchased of the Sutter.
 I see no reason - as yet, to doubt the great desire of
 several Officers whom I have visited, to procure Books
 sizes & form prescribed & to keep them after the manner
 by the Regulations, but as yet, few have been received & as
 came on without being heard, each receiver of a set was
 to follow his own understanding of the expression of the
 Regulations, which unfortunately for the convenience of
 Inspecting Officers, led him to mark out forms which
 differed, from those fixed upon by any one else.
 To remedy this inconvenience, new sets of Books should
 be furnished so soon as practicable to every company
 Regt accompanied by printed forms of the manner of entering

each particular Book, so precisely drawn, that to mistake
 would be impossible unless by willful negligence -
 I believe truly that there is not a Colonel in the service,
 who would not willingly pay himself for such Books, sooner than
 have the correctness of his present mode of keeping accounts, so fre-
 quently called in question -

Hospital - Building in itself good, tho' not perhaps sufficiently
 ventilated & any arrangement of the several apartments & connect-
 ing system prevailing throughout, stores & medicines in sufficient
 Cases in hospital, but few - some only of a serious nature -
 Books, kept agreeably to regulation tho' not in the most eligible
 manner - Suttles - The store seems to be supplied with every article
 that may possibly be wanting, at all events with more than
 has been required by the Council of Administration - As far
 as the prices of the articles as fixed by the Board of Administration
 be correct, is a question beyond the claim of enquiry by any Officer
 known to our Military Law - I can but submit to you a paper
 accompanying marked A in proof of what a Board of Administration
 would do & afford you thereby an opportunity of seeing how much
 is done, in defiance of the Law (with deference be it spoken)
 of the wishes of the Senior Officer in command -

Discipline

correct - if Discipline mean the enforcement of Subordination merely.

Instruction

Not very perfect & yet as good as
 perhaps better than could or ought to be expected under all circumstances

cas. Look at Fort Snelling as it now stands, he told that it was erected in six years by the Soldiers themselves, who at the same time ^{utilized} the soil to the extent of many hundred acres & you will feel disposed to give them credit, if they had preserved even the proper feelings of the Soldier, instructions in the duties justly appertaining to their situation, or of the Garrison. There is much intelligence among the Officers of the Garrison & it is to be regretted that circumstances should be rendered it necessary to direct it towards objects so wide of the mark it would wish to have aimed at. "We have lost almost all that we once knew, but as our labourers as farmers & builders are now comparatively closed, we hope soon to see our lost ground". Such is the language held by more than one Officer of this Garrison -

Service

Regular it is believed, that it to the distribution of duty is as equal as circumstances will allow. The Master can not be looked to here as a guide - who is our duty to day, may be called on again to morrow or one of his proper times - His capacity to perform the service is & can alone be considered -

Administration

Pay regularly received & sufficient & regularly issued - Clothing good & regularly received - Commissary of Subsistence - Lieut Russell - Supply on hand large, sufficient for two years for the present -

Stores rooms of stone, conveniently & properly arranged - arrangement of the stores, good, each article placed in that part of the building, best suited to its particular character. Lt M Bepart - The commanding Officer in particular charge. Stores under the same roof with those of the Commissary, tho' in a separate part of the building. A better arrangement of the Stores might be made, were unserviceable articles separated & kept apart from such as are reported serviceable & there is a sufficiency of room to allow of such an arrangement.

Ordnance Dept - 2^d Lieut Berry acting -

Arseroal

Southern turret used as such an arrangement of the Stores proper -

Magazine

Well built & dry, tho' too small by one half for a just distribution of its Stores - My remarks upon the inventory exhibit the amount, location, & character of the Ordnance & Ordnance Stores at this Post, with my instructions as to the disposition to be made of such portions of it as are judged unserviceable or of no use & an incumbrance in their present situation -

Remarks

That harmony so desirable at every post & especially so at a frontier one, seems not to prevail here. The Officer in command & some of his just Officers are at variance. He gives ^{his} orders, they

82 Obey them, tho' not without some grumbling & questioning of the
 correctness. There is an enforcement of Subordination, & there-
 fore there is Discipline agreeably to the construction of the
 term, as given in the Book of Regulations.

Reports, made to me with respect to the habits of Brent M^r
 Hamilton, of this Reg^t & Post, fix upon him the character of a
 confirmed Sot, & my own personal observations, since my
 introduction to him, serve not to convince me of their inaccuracy.
 Consider what I now say however, only as corroborative of what
 you may have previously heard in relation to the M^r
 I hope that I may be mistaken in the impressions which
 have received, at all events that the case may be viewed leniently.
 He has a large & interesting family, he is poor, he is old & has
 seen long service -

Report of a Tour of Inspection during
the Spring Summer & Fall of 1827 -

Fort Snelling May 1827

Eight companies 5th July - Col Snelling Comd^t

Since my Inspection of this post in August last, its garrison has been increased by the two Companies drawn from Fort Crawford, on the abandonment of that place, but in no other material particulars has it changed its features. Some improvement in the Battalion drill, has certainly been made, but much is still wanting, & that, is not to be obtained, nor need it be looked for, so long as the service of fatigue, is esteemed of primary & almost exclusive importance.

I know not, by whom, the lines of this post were first traced, nor can I state, what expenditures

of public funds, the work has been thus far advanced, but of these facts I am confident, that it might have been contracted for, at a much less cost, that it covers an extent of ground too large by three fourths, for any garrison that can be permanently given it, & that it has deprived Col Snelling, of the satisfaction of having a command, that might fairly compare in degree of instruction, with any other in service. I regret to state, that dissensions still prevail, between Col Snelling and some of his junior Officers, even to a greater extent, than was remarked upon in my last report. Lieut Hunter who, has been under arrest for some months, is now confined to his Quarters, for reasons best known to Col Snelling, of the propriety of which, I will not venture a remark, as it will doubtless, shortly be passed upon, by a Court Martial. I do not however commit myself in saying that each of the parties (Col Snelling, Lieut Hunter)

believes himself to be correct. May it not therefore be that neither is morally wrong. Lieut Hunter is young, & perhaps of a temper, too warm & impetuous & Col Snelling, sometimes irascible, may have in the moment of excitement, produced by some official anxiety, unguardedly expressed himself, in language calculated to wound his feelings. Sympathy is expressed by most of the Officers of the garrison, not, it may be, that he is believed to be unjustly arrested & confined, but because his confinement has been long, & may prove injurious to his health. It is to be regretted, that Mr Hunter has not, as this, been brought before a Court Martial. Officers will most generally attach, to the person issuing an arrest, when the party arrested, is for a long time & to all appearance, unnecessarily deprived of the benefit of a trial, be the criminality of the party arrested, as positive as it may, & the efforts of the arresting Officer, to obtain a Court as prescribed, and urgent, as the utmost latitude of proper subordination

can warrant.

It appears on examination that issues of wood are made by the Asst Lt Master of the post, & that both Officers & men are limited to the allowance stated in the Book of Genl Regulations. Whence this arrangement has come or rather what has caused the direct application of this certain article of the Regulations to this particular garrison I am at a loss to conjecture. The Book of Regulations is a valuable Book but to conform to its exact letter under every change of circumstance would be ridiculous in the extreme if not impossible. There are heavy frosts here in May & even in June too; what then is to be done? is the garrison to set without fires because the Book of Regulations has made no provision of wood against such severities of climate.

The location of this Post was made I take it for granted at the time when it was the intention

of Government, to extend a cordon of posts, to a greater distance from the frontier settlements than the one at present occupied. I can in no other way, account for its singularly insulated situation. With a garrison at Fond du Lac (Lake Superior) and another at the head of navigation of the St Peter's River, it might be taken as a chain in the link of connection - but it now stands truly alone. I would not without, advise its abandonment, because the Indians in the excess of their vanity, would ascribe such a step, to a conviction on our part, of their superior strength, & of our inability, longer to sustain the place, a blindness which would shortly, lead them into trouble.

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Fort Snelling 17th August 1834

Three Companies 1st Infy - Maj^r. Bliss Comd^t.

Comp ^y . D. (Cap ^t . Barker -)	Lieut ^t Ogden Comd ^t .	Rank & file present	40
" F. Cap ^t . Loomis	" " "	" " "	41
" H. Cap ^t . Day	" " "	" " "	38
Total. R. & F. present			119

Mens Messes. Due attention is paid to the diet of the men, who of themselves are by no means indifferent to their fare. Cookery & a pure yeast is a science well understood and practiced by our soldiers generally.

Bunks & Arm Racks. The bunks and arm racks now standing will in a few days give place to others that are now being made and which will answer very well.

Arms & Equipments. The muskets are as good as any that I have examined. In truth all those from Springfield of the manufacture of 1831 that I have yet seen are first rate arms, and very unlike those of 1819 from the same place, which were so defective that one third of them at least became unserviceable before the close of the second years use.

Appearance under arms. Comp^y. F & H have a fine appearance.

the third comp). Dis not so good looking sword of its members seem as if disage had at no distant date pressed heavily upon them. Two of them I noticed particularly one has a weak defective arm, the other a short turned leg, both from fractures of long standing. These two men (so is the report to me) together with a third, were on first joining at Fort Crawford, rejected, but were subsequently received in obedience to a positive order from the Gen^l Head quarters of the army. The third man remained but a short time, having been discharged upon a surgeons certificate of disability.

Books. None of the books I am sure, exhibit incorrect entries, but the books of two comp. are kept after the same forms. Some of them too have occasionally been kept by bad scribes, for it sometimes happens that a comp. can not furnish even one tolerable clerk.

Hospital. Asst. Sur^g = Jarvis. The hospital is in good condition and abundantly supplied with stores and medicines. A cooking stove for the kitchen ought to be furnished. Comfort & economy would thereby be equally served. Doct. Jarvis is spoken most favorably of by both officers & men, and doubtless deservedly.

Clothing. The men are dressed in the old uniform which is certainly very becoming, and the articles in their knapsacks are with a few exceptions, well marked. None of the officers have swords of the prescribed pattern, and two of the subalterns are without uniforms of any kind, dress or undress. They seem not to have respected the subject, and are now without the prescribed apparel, from the neglect of the tailor at West point to forward the articles ordered agreeably to his promise. Like

complaints have before been made to me of the conduct of that functionary.

Instruction - In both Inf^y & L. Inf^y manoeuvres this command is much better practiced than I was prepared to expect, being aware that a portion of it at least (Buckner's comp.) had been but set down to the prior to its removal from Fort Crawford, where it was almost constantly upon fatigue, and for two or three years.

Service - The utmost that an officer in command of a frontier post like this, can do, is to render the service equal. he can not make it easy where 800 or 1000 cords of wood and many tons of hay are to be cut and brought in from a distance, perhaps of several miles.

qr. m. Dep^t - Lieut. M. Luce - No part of the supply of articles properly belonging to this Dep^t is required at this time. There is in store an amount of clothing of the old pattern, tents for one comp. much worn, some old worn out tools & a boat said to be intended to give to the comp. of the 15th Inf^y clothing of the old pattern, after the present year.

Subsist. - Dep^t - Lieut. M. Luce. The contract for the present year has been filled. The pork is good, and well packed in turks island salt. Flour this is not so good as usual. Vinegar, sour enough. Soap & candles both of bad quality. Soap ought to be had and of some age, before it should be received, and in like way candles should be subjected to a certain test, that is should be brought to bear degrees of heat without becoming soft & use.

Ord. Dep^t - Surg^t Short, (also acting Surg^t Maj. of the post.

No ordnance has been received since my inspection report of 1827 to which I would respectfully request that a reference may be made - care seems to be taken to preserve from damage the powder & fixed ammunition of which there is a good supply -

Remarks -

The walls of the fort, in some places require coping/plank might answer to preserve them from further & material injury, and the floors and roof of the round or bastion require need renewal. The rooms on the two lower stories of the large ware house (gr. m. & corn. store) & which on the road are below the level of the parade of the fort, have become too damp from the transpiration of moisture through the walls, for the storage of articles requiring a dry location, and are in consequence measurably abandoned. To remedy this might be attended with an expense which is uncalled for at this time, as the rooms of the upper story are fully capacious enough to receive such provisions as other stores as require to be kept dry.

Fort Snelling 7th October 1836.

Three Companies 1st Lt. L. Col. Davenport Comd^g

Measing. The soldiers at this post are contented with their fare, as well they may be, for I much question whether at any time before enlistment they lived so well. Their garden yields more than they can consume, and the ration allowed by the government is of the best quality in all its parts.

Bunks and Arm Racks. Three full companies can be accommodated with both bunks & arm racks, of the best description. Should additional companies however be ordered to the post, in the spring, both bunks & arm racks must be provided for them, as the surplus ones on hand, are not suited for any thing beyond a more temporary use.

Arms and Equipments. No part of the soldiers equipments is so defective as the knapsack, which will so swag down pack it and sling it as you may, as to bring its whole weight upon the cartridge box, which, can not sustain such pressure, without immediate injury. The cartridge box might it is true be saved, by lengthening its strap or belt, but in that case, a waist belt

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would I suppose. How the defect in the knapsack is to be remedied I know not, I can only give a surmise, that as it now hangs, the cartridge box is not only soon drawn by it, but the soldier wearing it can not even handle his cartridges.

The musket is in good order, as good as when first drawn, & freed however from having partially lost the brown colouring of the barrel, which can not be preserved in active service.

I would recommend to the proper Dept. that for the future, the cartridge box be not embossed, but left perfectly smooth & worn as more easily kept clean, and further, that it be made of thick leather than is commonly used, which is but little stouter than ordinary sheathing paper.

Clothing. Winter clothing has not yet been issued, but having been sent for to Ft. Crawford, its receipt may be expected within ten days. Such articles as have been examined, are properly marked. Some of the men wear dragoon coats of the old pattern, which are decidedly better looking and more adapted to the nature of our service, than the regulation coat, which broad being easily soiled, appears to but little advantage, when worn upon the back of the soldier fully accoutred for a march. Much inconvenience is experienced from the wings prescribed by regulation, they are truly so much in the way, that a soldier can not unshrink his knapsack with the

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assistance - might they not then, be very properly dispensed with as being worse than useless.

Books. Properly kept and neatly.

Hospital. Asst. Surg. Emerson. There are but few cases of sickness at the post. The Dr. reports a sufficient supply of stores and medicines to meet all probable wants until his next requisition be filled. The several wards & the hospital throughout give proof of good care.

Quarters. The sutting is under proper regulation, if I may judge from the satisfaction expressed by the Command. Officer at the conduct of the sutters.

Instruction. This command is well drilled & did not require it to exercise as L. Inf. - but its manoeuvres as Inf. - were executed with promptitude and precision.

Discipline. At no post visited by me, ^{have I witnessed} more order, or more cheerfulness and apparent content among the soldiers. The discipline is of course good and exact. Much praise is due to Lt. W. Davenport for this state of things, but something too must be credited to the fact, that no whiskey can be brought into this part of the country, to make the soldiers forget, that exact obedience is at all times expected of him.

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See - So far as a judgment may be presumed upon an examination into the various details, which are invariably made from the roster, the service is exact & required from every one in his turn, without respect to persons. It is not unknown to you, that this command has to furnish itself with wood, no easy task in a climate like this, with comp^d reduced nearly one half below their proper complement, and when the wood can not be found near to the post, than six or eight miles

Administration - The soldiers of no country are so well paid and otherwise provided for as ours, nor are there any where to be found, officers more attentive to see that all their allowances are regularly received by the men entrusted to their charge - such is the case here; and the same remark may with equal propriety be applied to every other post -

Subsistence Department - The supply is abundant and good, not is there a deficiency in any part of the ration. The store rooms being large & convenient every article is arranged with an eye to its preservation -

q. m. Dep^t - There are many worn out & useless articles born on the returns of the act) apt. a^m master, but as his store

rooms are spacious, they can easily be put out of the way, which could not be done were he circumscribed as to space - of serviceable articles there is a sufficient supply -

Ord. Dep^t - With the exception of 90 lbs of cannon powder, no article has been received by this Dep^t since my last visit to the post, nor has any thing of amount been expended. My report of 1826 from this place, may be received as exhibiting very nearly an exact statement of the present condition of the ordnance and ordnance stores belonging to the post. That report enumerates some articles, which ought not to have been brought here, and which at no time were worth the cost of transportation to St. Louis, and it is therefore that they have not been sent thither -

Remarks - Maj^r Bliss the immediate predecessor of Lt. Col. Davenport is entitled to very great credit for the labors which he directed during his command of this post - He found it on his arrival much dilapidated, but left it, even in better condition than it was when I first visited it in August 1826 - The halloo room battery should have a new platform, and slight repairs are required upon some of the officers quarters & barrack rooms, but all these, together with whatever else may be essential, will most certainly be made by Lt. Col. Davenport, and without material cost to the government -

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Gen Snelling
16. July. 1842
Col. G. Croghan
Insp. General

His Report of the
Inspection of ~~the~~
Company 1. Infantry

Spr: 5. 1842
(N^o. 5.) R.G.

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... 16th July 1842

1st Lt. May Dearborn. Comd.

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Fort Snelling. 16th July 1842

Three Camps D. C. H. 1st Lt. May Devborn. Comd.

Appearance under arms. [The men themselves were generally good looking, and being accoutred with especial care, they make as soldierly an appearance as could be expected from persons dressed in an uniform not ~~usually~~ ~~not~~ to its fashion and as badly cut as though the proper fitting of the garment was a matter of no moment, and not to be considered.]

Stores & Equipments. { Munitions of the same date and manufacture of those in the hands of the Comp^{ts} at Fort Crawford and in equally good state of preservation, but the looks of some of them are defective, and ought not to be relied upon for any other than garrison service. In going through the firing the Main & Battery springs of five or six of them broke and as many failed to ignite the priming, from a defect in the Battery-most

probably. It might be well to furnish every
Part, with a certain number of spare parts
of the locks, to supply the losses that might
occur in the course of service; the parts
most often wanted are, Main and Battery Springs
- Battery side and front screws.

State of Quarters The quarters remain very
nearly as they were when I remarked upon them
two years ago, it is true most of them have
been reshingled since that time, but owing
either to the badness of the shingles, or the
careless manner of putting them on, many of
the roofs look very badly. Estimates for the
thorough repair of all the quarters have doubt-
less long since gone on, but as they may not
be granted, I would recommend that such repairs
at least be authorized, as are absolutely necessary
to the preservation, of such portions of the
establishment, as will become entirely lost by
long neglect. The quarters of the men and
Officers are all habitable, and quite comfortable
when contrasted with those at Fort Brady.
The great point of annoyance is, not that the
quarters are uninhabitable, but because being
old and somewhat dilapidated, they cannot

be made to look clean and neat, while wash
and scrub as you may.

Bunks and Iron Racks - It may be said of
them as of the quarters, that they need repair
but are still serviceable and convenient.

Hospital - This building is in better repair
than any about the Post, having been
erected within the last four years; its arrange-
ment is not very good, still it is no comparison
better than the Hospital formerly occupied,
against which so much has been said. Surgeon
Turner who has been stationed here some years,
leaves nothing undone that can contribute
in the least to the comfort and speedy
recovery of the sick. The Dr wishes that iron
bunks should be furnished for his Hospital,
to take the place of the old wooden ones
that are now in use, and I believe has applied
for permission to purchase them, as circum-
stances might warrant, out of the Hospital
fund, of which, he has about three hundred
dollars. The supply of medical stores and
medicines is abundant and there are no sick
at the Post.

Books - Correctly kept, though but one of

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The Camp has transferred the mess accounts from the old Blanking book to the one more recently established

Letter Steel. No complaints have reached me from any quarters, I must take it for granted therefore, that Mr Steel works properly and satisfactorily discharges his duties as a tetter.

Clothing. The Clothing of both Officers and men conforms strictly to the Uniform as established by regulation, and that of the men is properly washed and neatly arranged in the knapsack.

Instruction. The comps of this command are well grounded in the comp drill, but they do not manoeuvre in the Battalion as correctly and as promptly as might be expected from their more exact comp drill. This must be ascribed to the fact that they have not until very lately, been exercised in Battalion. In a very short time however, much improvement might be expected, could the present daily drill be continued, but this cannot be, hours of the

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and cords of wood are to be provided for the Garrison, and after to day, fatigue details will draw exclusive attention, and so remain, until November, or until the winter provisions are all received. The getting of wood at all times, a serious matter, will become every year more tedious and difficult of accomplishment; at this moment, no good wood can be obtained short of 8 or 10 miles from the Fort. But I know not that a change for the better in the mode of getting wood can be expected; hard as the duty is upon the soldier, ever anxious as we all are to relieve him from it, I question whether he would choose to effect it at the cost which would be brought about, were the supply furnished by the Contractor.

M. P. Sub Dept. Lieut Edmund. The supply of substance is abundant, of the best quality and stored with every care to its preservation. The saw mill at the Falls is now being put in complete order, and at an expense when compared with the pecuniary gain, or rather saving that will be derived from it quite trifling. Repairs must absolutely be made because necessary to the preservation of some of the building

and they can be completed very soon after the mill is in operation, and without any material expenditure of money, as the chief cost or trouble in the erection & repairs of buildings at this Post, have always been in the procurement of lumber, which will now be furnished by the mill. Lieut. Mumford seems fully sensible of the necessity for the exercise of a rigid economy, and I feel every assurance that he will undertake only such repairs as are absolutely necessary and will hasten their completion with as little call upon the funds of his department as possible. It is needless that I should specify the various repairs necessary, as you are doubtless in possession of a particular report on the subject, made some two years ago by ^{the} Master of the Post, by order of the 2^d Master Gen^l. I only have to express a hope, that the Adj^t 2^d Master, Lieut. Mumford may be left to the exercise of his own sound judgment in the matter.

Old Dept. It was first yet visited by me in the progress of this Tour, have I anticipated

such apparent care for the preservation of Old and Old Stores, as is shown by the Ord Seryt Carpenter of this Post, and I take great pleasure in making the same known, that he may be favorably recollected in any after changes in his department. The surplus and some of the unserviceable stores will be sent to St Louis Arsenal and among the latter some twenty four ^{old} shells. It may be asked why send down shells; I answer, here they are worth nothing, and at St Louis will bring \$1.50 per Cwt at the least - and the cost of freight will not exceed 40 cts per Cwt.

Discipline - I cannot perceive any want of proper discipline, order and content seem to prevail throughout, and it is pleasing to witness the harmony which extends among the several families of the Post, the members of which seem to vie with each other in efforts to promote the comfort and enjoyment of the whole. Unlike the state of things at Fort Crawford here every soldier is allowed to pass out at will during the day, unless his conduct has been such as to render him unworthy of such indulgence, and as might be expected there

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are comparatively but few abuses committed.
There are not as many Whiskey shops in the
immediate vicinity as there are about Fort
Peanut, but still there is at all times
Whiskey enough to supply those who have
money to pay for it. The last Steam Boat
brought up 20 bbl which were landed ~~below~~
below the 4th Reserve on the east bank
of the river, all doubtless for retail to the
Soldiers, who indulge as often as they may
feel disposed, provided their cash be not
expended, and just in like manner would
they indulge were they confined within
the walls of the Fort. Wherever there is
money with persons disposed to drink
there will be no lack of Whiskey

Respectfully submitted

G. Brogan
Wm. M. Jr.^r