

That the troops, having no fewel allow'd them by the government, are let loose to plunder upon the inhabitants, who they rob (with impunity) not only of the fire wood which they procure (at a heavy expence) for the use of their families, but of the fences round their lots of ground without the town, which are all carried away by these people: nay even the very houses which one would imagine might be safe from their merciless depredations, are several of them pulled down and burnt, by these protectors of our property. And altho' frequent complaints have been made to the G——r of these intolerable injuries, the unhappy sufferers meet with no redress,"

" I cannot help mentioning one most glaring instance of abuse of the trust reposed in these military men, and that is, in the office of overseer of the King's works, which is executed by one principal & several petty officers; the person who now has it, was formerly a surgeon, & is now an ensign in the army, and tho' altogether unqualified for such an employment (as being entirely ignorant of figures, or the method of transacting business) yet has a handsome salary, and many perquisites and advantages which are here allow'd of: but not content with these, he has contriv'd a way to make still greater gains, tho' in a very unwarrantable