

APPENDIX C.

Correspondence between the Warden and the Commander of the Forces for Canada West, as to the Treatment of Soldiers committed to the Provincial Penitentiary.

No. 1.

Copy—Letter, Warden to Sir Richard Armstrong.
Provincial Penitentiary,
16th September, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to inform me whether, during the time you held the Military Command of Canada West, any complaint of cruelty, oppression, or starvation, on my part, towards any of the Soldiers who have been sent to the Penitentiary, has been made to you, or if, on the contrary, so far as you have made inquiry into the same, they have, while under my charge, been treated with humanity and every kindness consistent with their position as prisoners.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) H. SMITH,
Warden.

Major General
Sir R. ARMSTRONG,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 2.

Copy—Letter, Sir Richard Armstrong to Warden.

“ Kingston, 17th September, 1848.

“ Sir,

“ I have to acknowledge your letter of the 16th instant, and as it will save me the necessity of recapitulating a portion of its contents, I have much pleasure in replying hereon; that during upwards of six years, which I have held the Command of Canada West, no complaint of cruelty, oppression, or starvation, has ever reached me from any of the Military who have ever been confined in the Provincial Penitentiary, and they to a certainty would have complained, had there been occasion. The men, at the expiration of their periods of confinement, came out in good condition, affording a satisfactory proof they have been well fed. I must add, that I have, from time to time, seen the food prepared for the prisoners, and that it appeared to me to have been of wholesome good quality and abundant.

“ The only complaints that have reached me during my command, have been, in two or three instances from soldiers, stating they had not been released until after twelve o'clock (while they should have been before), in consequence of Military escorts not having been sent for them in time; but for this I cannot consider you to have been responsible.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) “ R. ARMSTRONG,
“ Major General.

“ To HENRY SMITH, Esquire,
“ Warden of the
“ Provincial Penitentiary,
“ Kingston.”