

them that they were not entitled to ration  
 without some particular Order - after a time,  
 it was found that the single ration, to the  
 Husband was insufficient for the support  
 of the family, and an Order was in consequence  
 given by me, authorizing the Storekeeper  
 to victual them as they had been on board  
 the Ruby; but to prevent them being a burthen  
 to the public, by so doing a condition was  
 attached to the Order, exacting a quantity of  
 Oacham from each in liquidation of the  
 price of the rations so to be issued, the  
 surplus if any to be their own.

The Women have refused to give  
 Oacham unless they are paid four  
 dollars per month and have their rations  
 also. I therefore have to request you  
 will cause such inquiry to be made into  
 the matter as you shall deem proper,  
 both that the people may have justice  
 done them; and that the public may  
 not be imposed on, I am sorry to  
 add that they evince a very riotous  
 disposition, and appear averse to any kind  
 of Contract, professing as they have been  
 led to believe that they are free men,  
 and subject to no restraint but their  
 own Caprice; This evil if permitted  
 to exist much longer will lead it is  
 to be apprehended to other mischiefs,  
 and cannot be too cautiously guarded  
 against.

The number of these people at  
 present amount to 87 Men and 22 women  
 and Children.

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