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I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that on the arrival of the British Troops of Convention here, I made a demand of Boards & nails to make the Barracks habitable for the men, & to give them reasonable Space equal to their Numbers — which is so far from the case at present, that one half cannot measure their lengths on the few floors they have —

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To alleviate which, had Boards, nails, & Tools been provided, they would have willingly with my authorising them, completed the Barracks —

The many Applications obliges me to address Your Excellency on this Subject, to know from what cause the long delay arises — sensible as I am that Materials can be easily procured. —

I have likewise to complain of the irregular & scanty manner that fuel is served out, & the only recourse on