

Baker, a few days previous arrived with money to pay off the men ; but only a few of the non-commissioned officers were paid, as it was considered improper to give all the men their wages, in consequence of the high price demanded for necessaries. Potatoes were sold on board for half a dollar a peck, while they were selling in the city for half a dollar per bushel ; prices in the same proportion were set upon all the articles we stood in need of.

Oct, 26—Some of the non-commissioned officers were permitted to go on shore and purchase necessaries for us on the passage ; and had the privilege of selling articles to the men, which was a great relief to us, although *they* also demanded an exorbitant price for their goods ;—taking advantage of the privilege given them to help their suffering comrades, many of them had the niggardly meanness to turn it into a speculating business ;—however, there were a few nobler minded ones, who did all in their power to alleviate our sufferings ;—such were sergeants Wright, Jennison, and Forbush, to whom many of the men are indebted for their friendly assistance during our confinement.