

Camp Butler, Newport News Va. June 2, 1861.

To Col. J. W. Phelps. Commanding—

Sir:

In compliance

with "Special Order No 1." issued May 30. 1861. to me directed, I proceeded to Fort Monroe for the purposes in said Order specified, and beg leave to submit the following report:— Upon Examination I found the sick men in Hospital in a miserable condition, as to Cleanliness, — Their apartments were with few exceptions very filthy, their clothes and bedding unclean, and the air in many rooms so impure, as seemed to me to be unwholesome even for a well person. I found that the Steward and Attendants had neglected their duty, and that one patient had been two days without receiving medicine after it was ordered by the Surgeon:—

I was further informed by the Patients, that their food had not been provided with regularity, and that they had sometimes been a long time without any:— I conclude from the best