

EXPLANATION.

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*The block-house was at first intended to have been surrounded by a fort; but that proving beyond our strength, to defend our wide gates, and flank the building, I constructed with loop holes the tambours A.*

*And in case those should ever be forced, that we might be able to fire down into, and clear them, were constructed also with loop-holes the towers B.*

*Outside of every tambour, and inside of each gate, was placed one cannon C.*

*The internal doors were made with a view to easy communication round the block-house, if attacked at a time when, from sickness or mortality, we should have been unable to defend the whole building; as we might, by those means, confine ourselves to either of the store rooms a, which were fitted for close quarters, or if too much reduced for that even, to any one separate room b. To prevent a possibility of the naked natives attempting to scale either the tambours, or the block-house, the whole was defended by spikes three inches long.*

a. Store-rooms.

b. Settlers'-rooms.

c. Cook-room.

d. Tool-house.

e. Intended rooms on the south side, not finished.

f. The well. 21' 4" p. 261

*The lower seven feet of the block-house was constructed of logs of from 6 to 9 inches diameter, horizontally spiked to perpendicular posts of from 12 to 14 inches diameter, and the interstices were filled up with mortar. The upper half of the building was boarded with inch plank, and the whole white washed.*