

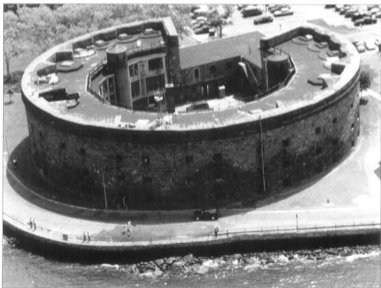
ing as a bridge over the opening. Similarly, the outer cut of the walls were laid with all the stones, so dovetailed into each other, that no one stone could be knocked out of place, nor even dislocated without first being broken into pieces.

Within Castle Williams were located two stone buildings, one to house 200 barrels of powder and the other to serve as a guard house; there was also a well of fresh water from which vessels docking at the island could replenish their casks. Barracks were built in the inner quadrangle, and a sunken passageway connected the castle with Fort Columbus. Contrary to popular belief, there were no dungeons beneath Castle Williams, although their lack must have been a severe handicap to Colonel Henry Burbeck of the Artillery Corps when he assumed command of the island in 1810.

The colonel, who was a veteran of the continental artillery in the Revolution and then for three years held a commission in the Engineers, instituted a regime of rigid discipline that brooked no

excuses for deficiencies. He tolerated no such digressions in soldierly dress, deportment or appearance, on or off duty. As a result, the penal pens of the guard house must have been as constantly full of malefactors as the Orderly Book was of their misdemeanors.

One week after his arrival at his new post Colonel Burbeck issued his first corrective order to standardize the manner of calling "All's well" from the various sentry posts, and a week later he got out another one forbidding "all officers, noncommissioned officers, soldiers, and all other persons of every description from getting on the parapet." But that wasn't all they couldn't do; still another edict states that "as the smoking (sic) of pipes and cigars in the open air is both dangerous and indecorous, it is strictly forbidden (except in quarters)." Nor was tobacco the only bad habit of which Burbeck took a jaundiced view; a companion directive to the above forbade "the landing of rum, brandy, gin, spirits, cordials, or ardent spirits of any kind except for the



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