

February has come in with a very cold disagreeable North-East wind which has been blowing all day. Peter and I have been cutting wood in the woods again part of the time. I went down to Captain McCall's after dinner to see how he was. He having been dangerously ill with inflammatory Rheumatism for a few days. It was thought that he was some better. Mr. Chesley is also very ill at John Mann's. We went to see her & found her some better.

Since yesterday quite a change has again taken place. Instead of being extremely cold it is now quite warm and raining. We have been working in the woods as usual Peter and I. Want to get a good pile cut and up before we commence drawing again. The process is a slow one however on account of our other work. Received a beautiful likeness of Queen Victoria yesterday as a Grenadier for the Witness. It is worth more than the cost of both.