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sending us Pockets & Pocket Squads  
which though of use in their way &  
tolerably good against a Column of Men  
are of no more to throw against a  
Fort than a trusted Private.

The force you mention to be under  
orders for this Country, take the opening  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lawrence is quite enough  
I really believe to march to Washington  
with the bulk of the Soldiers of

to procure from the Enemy, which <sup>is</sup>  
any thing, must always be extremely  
hazardous. till we are in sufficient  
force to occupy a considerable extent of  
Country, and with respect to Cattle, which  
with great difficulty we manage now, &  
then to get a fresh meat for the crews  
of the few Ships now acting here, ~~is~~  
is the Americans are in the habit of  
turning their Cattle loose into the Woods  
whenever they observe us approaching the  
shore or hear of our landing.  
Captain Poyt ordered me a Victuals ship  
on the way to this place under command  
of the Governor, if however she should  
not have left Bermuda before she  
arrives