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The situation of the army with respect to supplies is beyond description alarming. It has been five or six weeks past on half allowance, and we have not more than three days bread at a third allowance on hand, nor any where within reach. When this is exhausted we must depend on the precarious gleanings of the neighbouring country. — Our magazines are absolutely empty every where, and our commissaries are entirely destitute of money or credit to replenish them. We have never experienced a like extremity at any period of the war. — We have often felt temporary want from accidental delays in forwarding supplies, but we always had something in our magazines and the means of procuring more. — Neither one nor the other is at present the case.

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