

I have told you this story because I  
fear it will be the subject of  
future investigation, we arrange our  
supplies in a very bad manner.  
The worst is that not even the General  
had the slightest notion that we were  
short till I told him, I was absent  
as I should have discovered it were  
we as now or very short allowance  
but all do me the justice, to believe  
that it is absolutely necessary, and  
that I am exerting myself to extricate  
them from the situation that they have  
been brought to be these —