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and since they have arived at this Place Duty  
has been Exceeding hard Either Guard or Fatigue  
Every Day and Provision Very Short both for  
officers & Soldiers they Drawing only twelve  
ounces of Exceeding thin Beef and Bread in Pro=  
portion which will Make them but one Sarty  
Meal P.<sup>r</sup> Day they are obliged for to Live on their  
Money the Rest of the Time which will soon be  
Exosted and Consequently they will not have one  
Shilling for to Carrey them Home unless the State  
Send on Sum Money for them or Make Sum  
Provision for them otherways the Consequence  
of which will be the Men must Either Starve or  
Steal ~~the~~ the Latter of which is Most likely  
for to be the Cause which I should be Exceeding  
Sorey for to have them obliged for to Do as they  
Left an Exceeding good Name behind them on  
the Road when they Came on in Particular the  
New Hampshire Troops which it would a great  
Pity they should be obliged for to forfeit ~~it~~ on  
their Return. I am Sir with Great Respect  
Yours and the Committees Most obedient Humbl<sup>e</sup>  
Servant  
Tho: Bartlett

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr. Shack Were Esq<sup>r</sup>

