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In the mean time, General Burgoyne, who was now in the neighbourhood of Fort Edward, began to experience those difficulties, which gradually increased, till they became at last unsurmountable. These difficulties began with a difficulty in procuring provisions. No more than 50 teams of oxen could be procured in all the country, and these were totally inadequate to the purpose of supplying the daily consumption of the army, much less of establishing such a magazine as was necessary for their purposes. Their utmost exertions for this purpose continued for 15 days successively, were able to procure no more than four days provisions in store, and ten batteaux in Hudson's River.

In these distressing circumstances, General Burgoyne determined, if possible, to effect a junction with Colonel St Leger, who had been detached with a considerable body of Indians and Canadians, and some regular troops to besiege Fort Stanwix, lying up the Mohawk river. This, however, was impracticable, unless a supply of provisions could some way or other be obtained, and for this end; it was resolved to attempt the surprise of a kind of magazine the Americans had at Bennington. This was attempted by Colonel Baum with about 500 men; but the Americans having got intelligence of the design, the colonel found them too strong to be attacked with his force, and therefore sent for a reinforcement. Another party, under Colonel Breyman, was immediately dispatched to his assistance; but, by reason of the badness of the roads, this second party did not arrive in time; and both were attacked