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Dear Maria

I wrote you a letter day before yesterday, but as you will probably hear of the Engagement between Gen Butlers men and a Camp of Secessionists at Bethel and as a part of our reg^t were in the battle and ^{as} you ^{perhaps} have some fears as to my being one of the number and perhaps one of the missing. I write to allay any such fears and to give you something of an account of what was done. Sunday eve there was Chorus from our reg^t Five Companies and as they Commenced to the left and Took Every other Company ours was left to take Care of the place here with the remaining odd Companies of the whole