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Dear Wife

I wrote you at Newhead soon after we were obliged to fall back then, we came back here found every thing destroyed, some of the officers lost nearly all their private property - mine was nearly all saved by little Corney who looks pretty sharp after my things many, yes nearly all, our men lost much of their clothing &c &c - The Rebels were about 3000 strong commanded by Genl Martin - They came upon our rear ~~and~~ which rendered our Ft of little account, so all we had to oppose them was seven Co's of our Regt they had 3 pieces of Artillery and a Squadron of about 300 Cavalry beside their infantry - I saw after a short time that there was no use wasting the lives of our men to oppose so large a force - and ordered a retreat - We have not been settled