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 Description: Letter from William Bayley to his mother, about a battle near Stillwater.

New City • October 18 1777  
 Honnored mother I take this oportunity to write to you to let you know that well and hope that these few lines will find the same. We left New City the first of September and on 18th we had a fight with the Regulers near Still water which lasted two hours and three quarters and lost but few men and by what we can hear kilted a grāt meny of the Regulers we took a good meny in the figt there was none of our Regement killed there was but twelve of us which went the which ^ out of the Regements into ^ light we Infentry in the fight last monday ^ began again with them and have fit almost every day Since and have taken and kilted a gaet meny of them and have taken a good deal of artilery their baggage ^ [blotted out] most of the rest they have burnt we have intirely Sorounded Birgu[?]<sup>1</sup> army and expect to have them all [unintelligable] the the other day I being not well Came Down to ^ hospitle at New City and I am now in the the [blotted out] works with ^ Joiners at New City I have but little time write and so no more at present but reman your Dutifull Son till Death  
 William Bayley

our People Sence I rote the first of this letter have taken Burguines army with all their artilery and baggage and have Sent down into the country bearing Six or Seven thousand besides tories this is greatest exploit the amaricans have done yet

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