

he may take my berth as I believe he can, without any difficulty, but if not am contented. Where we shall be is uncertain, but it is likely not a great way from Providence. Col. Stephen Peabody is our Col. I attend meeting every Sunday. We hear the enemy in one part and another are burning towns. I have nothing more particularly to write. After sending my duty to mother and respects to brothers and sisters I beg your prayers for me that I may behave so not to bring reproach to my parents or to myself and so subscribe myself your faithful and loving son till death.

SAM'L TRUE.

N. B.—The company in general is well. That bill which Nehemiah Kelley sent me for Rhode Island is Connecticut.

### **"Concord and Lexington Battle."**

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"This 19th of April, 1825, brings fresh to mind the battle at Concord and Lexington. When I come to look back, I find it is fifty years since. Although so long ago, I can remember the whole of it, I think, better than I can remember things 5 years ago. As I was in the whole of it, from Concord to Bunkerhill, I take my pen to write something about it, as I think I know as much about it as any person now living, as I don't think there were but a few that were there who are now alive.

"The 19th of April, 1775, the British landed about 1,000 their best troops from Boston in boats abreast of Charleston river, above Charleston bridge in the night very privately, and I believe they did not take the road till they all met at old Cambridge. They kept the old road and every man they saw they took and kept so that they should not alarm the people, but some how they got word at Lexington that they were coming. There were a number of men collected on the common when the British got there, and the British ordered them to disperse, but they did not so quickly as they wished to have them, and the British fired on them and killed 7 or 8 and wounded a number more. Our men did not fire on them, though I heard after they had got by, 2 or three of our men fired and wounded some of them.

"We at Concord heard that they were coming. The bell rung at 3 o'clock for alarm. As I was a minute man, I was soon in town and found my captain and the rest of my company at the post. It wasn't long before there was another minute company. (One company I believe of minute men was raised, in almost every town, to stand at a minute's warning.) Before sunrise there were, I believe, 150 of us and more of all there were there. We thought we would go and meet the British. We marched down towards Lexington about a mile or mile and a half and we saw them coming. We halted and staid till they got within about 100 rods, then we were ordered to the about face and marched before them with our drums and fifes going, and also the British (drums and fifes.) We had grand music. We marched into town and over the north bridge a little more than half a mile and then on a hill not far from the bridge, where we could see and hear what was going on. What the British came out after was to destroy our stores that we had got laid up for our army. There was in the town a number of intrenching tools which they carried out and burnt. At last they said it was best to burn them