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Of the Original Letter of Capt. Amos Barrett, Describing the
Battle of Concord.

Concord and Lexington Battle

This 19th of April 1825 brings fresh to my mind the Battle
at Concord & Lexington when I come to Look Back, I find
it is 50 year since though so long I can remember the bulk
of it, I think better than I can remember things 5 years
ago — as I was in the bulk of it from Concord to North
Havhill I take my pen to write something about it
as I think I ne as much about it as any person now
living as I don't think there is but a few that was there
that is now a day — the 19th of April 1775 the British
Land. about 1000 of their best troops from Boston
on both sides at Charlestown from above the bridge
on the night they were at the bridge they did not
take the road till they got almost to old Cambridge
they lost the old bridge and very many men they took
and kept so that they should not alarm the people but
soon how they got word at Lexington that they was a common
there was a number of men collected on the Common when
the British got there — and then they ordered them to Disperse
but they did not so much as the wished to have them and
the British fired on them and killed 7 or 8 dead and wounded a number
more our men did not fire on them though I heard after they had
got by that 2 or 3 of our men fired and wounded some of them