

Camp Saritoga October 16th 1777

Loving Brother & Sister These with my Love to you and yr Children may inform that through Divine goodness I enjoy a comfortable state of Health and hope that you Enjoy the same Blessing. There has been a sessation of arms hear it took Place the Day before yesterday and I understand that this Day Mr. Burgoin and his army are to resign themselves Prisoners of War and be conducted through Albany and so on to Boston the Tuesday before Last there was a smart Engagement Between the troops of Genel. Gates and General Burgoyne when the former came off Victorious and the Latter retreated about 8 miles to this Place as fast as their surcumstances would admit of our troops followed them and so surrounded their Camp that they were oblig'd to comply as above mentioned as is reported and Depended on in Camp tho the particulars of the Capitulation has not yet made Publick. I have no time to write but subscribe my self yr

Loving Brother

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