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Fort Srawther on the Coosa River at the 10 Islands

Dear Christian we arive heare on the 3rd of this month  
on the same day General Coffe with a detatchment of  
1200 men surrounded and took the Town ~~of~~ Tallihatchy  
killed 150 warriors which was all that was there and  
a number of women and Children in this action we lost  
5 men and had about 30 wounded--On Sunday 7th aruner  
arive from Lartleys Fort with the news that his fort was surroun-  
ded with one thousand Indians we prepared to march to them  
and started at 2 Oclock in the morning and marched that day  
within about 6 miles of the Forte, the next morning we started  
very early and ~~at~~ arive within about 1/2 mile at 7 Oclock  
Our spies had discovered them in battle array, we sent 2 compa  
nies to bring on the action which was done and the Indians  
Fought us with desperation for 1/2 hour when they fled in every  
dirrection leeving behind them 299 on the ground we persued  
them 3 miles to the Mountains and we saw a number of them  
that <sup>were</sup> wounded. We lost 15 kild and 81 wounded 2 since dead--  
in our company Thomas Saunders was killed David C. Hibbits  
and Daniel Madding wounded in <sup>the</sup> Thigh Thomas McFarrin was  
wounded in the brest slightly several of our guns was shot in the stock  
the balls and arrows flew fast over our heads I am in good ~~heath~~  
helth and all our company besides the wounded. I have not heard from  
you since you wrote by Mr. Anthony. Thomas & Henry Young &  
Henry Ligon is well. I must quit writing as the express now is  
redy to start so I conclude by subscribing my self your looving  
Husband  
November 12th 1813                      Sam<sup>l</sup>. Bains  
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