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London, Cornwall Co. N. W.

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Nov. 7 It is snowing this morning We are South West of Manassas Junction We shall march as soon as we get the bridge built which the Rebels burnt. start about 1 or 2 o'clock We expect to get to Gordonsville By Monday write often, often WJT