Camp near Winchester Ky. Apr. 27th, 1863

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for said he we know how to cheer when there is occasion for it.
That night we went to sleek expecting to start early the next morning but when I woke up just at dawn I found we were most at the Ohio line I went to sleek on a seat but found myself lying on the floor partly on top of two other fellows. We had great times during the nights on the trip.
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We passed over the first part of their route last Sept on our way to Sandy Hook Md. the last halt on our journey here wrote me if that does not contain an account of their trip over the mountains of their passing through Altomare I wished when we were passing over the mountains I had these pictures but after all they had better be at home. Answered Legris (Davis) letter sent it to Fort W. suppose she is there. Received a letter from John Wood. His folks have all had the Comber Case. Please write me. Thankful's Husband's name of never meet the 24th again. Willing use him out I was sorry I had not made the acquaintance of. Edmund Passover. The 24th was only a few rods from us last winter but I never went there. Where is the 24th. Write me if Father has lost that land yet where he hatters has now this year about home affairs Please write me good long letters. Don't be afraid to write me or three sheets. Did you receive that part of a moving machine? The hard fact I sent by Madison. What wages do they pay for hands this summer?
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