

Camp near London Ky.

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> /43

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There is a little tumbler I wish to give to Emma in it, also a Confederate Bible I give to James, both of which I found in Jackson. The writing on the first page I hastily wrote as we were jolting along through Indiana, I then expected to send the bundle by Briggs, but missed him. The other things I will name on a bit of paper which you will please send to Mother as I forgot to enumerate the articles in my last. Did you call at Hooksett?

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