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which the returned 9 months men offered their services in NY would be a warning to traitors 

We have thunder showers most evry day since we crossed the Big Black but for which the heat 
would be almost insufferable.

Yours Truly W. J T