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(7 P.M.) June 4 1868

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at Covington & left this morning
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now & have just got aboard the
cars. We had a good ride & the
plum, peach, apple trees loaded
with the green fruit look too
good to leave but our bright
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The roads in both directions run perfectly straight & trains of cars dash along at a speed which would make New Englanders heads swim.

The people here are very patriotic & take as much pleasure in entertaining the soldiers as the Philadelphians did last fall.

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Suppose you have got the letter with Emma's ring & in it (No 14) shall try & get this in the mail to-day. Good bye & much love for Nicholas.

W.D. Campbell

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Good buy Hurah for Vicksburg
W J. Templeton