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About the middle of June, having received warning, that I was to be arrested by the emissaries of the Federal Government, and knowing that it was then impossible for me to get South --- I went to Canada --- intending to remain until Ky should be redeemed [and] until I could make some arrangement for support of my family --- and then going South by the Blockade route --- While in Canada I staid for two weeks at the Clifton House] Niagara Falls --- and the rest of the [time] at the Queens Hotel in the City of Toronto[.] [On] the 15th of Sept. having learned the [Con]federate Army occupied Lexington [I] left Toronto for home --- passing [through] Detroit, Toledo, Dayton, Indi[anapolis] I crossed the Ohio river at Aur[ora] into Boone County Ky, and passing through Georgetown and Lexington arrived at home on Saturday night the 20th Sept --- I found my family all well --- (also my father & mother in Lexington) Mr Wherritt in Camp Chase a political prisoner --- Dave Wherritt at home --- I had no confidence in the Confederates holding the State for just as I reached home --- I learned that Bragg who was between Buell & Louisville had turned aside and let him pass to Louisville. I knew if he was unable to fight Buell [and] he got to Louisville --- that of course] he could not when Buell reached his [reinforcements] [?], I thought however, that it [would] take Buell some t[ime] to recruit an army worn down by their long march, and that could not make a forward movement soon, and that if he was thus delayed [dec]isive advantages would accrue to [the] Confederates by the capture of Federal Morgan, who had been compelled [to evacuate] Cumberland Gap --- and [was] pushing with his