

Little Sewal Mountain,
Sept: 27th 61

My dear Christian,

The rain which com-
menced yesterday evening, has
continued in torrents from
its commencement, and is
now pouring down at a
great rate, shutting me up
here on this mountain, but
in very comfortable quarters.

Mr. Alexander & my self came
up from Lewisburg yesterday &
last night came up here by
a most circuitous & steep
road, and were kindly en-
tertained by the proprietor
of the little farm - He has I
doubt wish poor Seayre were
with me last night, & could
have partaken of our nice
supper & comfortable bed - But
poor fellow, he was with the army,

We are now about 25 miles West of Lewisburg & only 3
miles from our army on the Sewal - and 4 from the Federal Army.

upon the very top of the Big
Snow, within one mile of Rose
Cautz's army, expecting an attack
any hour - I on my, he with the
rest are without tents or shelter
of any kind, exposed to all the
fury of the storm & with a
scarcity of provisions - Fortunately
I brought up with me yest-
erday for him, an oil cloth
covering - a new jacket of fine
cambrett - a pair of strong
thick soled shoes, lacing up to
the ankle above - a pair of
strong Buckskin Gaiters, all
of which fit him loosely
& well - The Gaiters button
on the outside of the leg &
rise up to the calf of his leg,
covering the top of the foot
well - I applied to Genl. See
yesterday to grant me a

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Empire your own eye. Letter to the of Sept. yesterday - the only
teaching of Nature had been known since I left Winchester.
my love to Miss & Mr. W. W. Hayward, S. C. Co.
pass through the lines, so that
I could be near him in the
event of a battle - but he said
he could not grant it, as it
would be a departure from a
strictly military rule, imposed
by necessity - He was very polite,
and expressed his regret that he
could not gratify me by a
departure in my case from
a rule, which he regarded
as a cruel one in cases like
mine, but one upon the obsu-
rance of which, the safety of
his whole army might depend.
I shall therefore have to hover
around the vicinity of the signal
ground to Genl. Lee has confidence
to my being admitted to Empire,
in the event of his being wounded.
I have tried to persuade Empire
to go home with me & join the
Batts' Corps - but he thinks it

I have received very good & most kind attention from Mr. Doy and Mr. - he is willing to send me some of his books. Letter for him to remain with Genl. Lee's army - Genl. Wise left yesterday for Richmond, having been ordered to report there immediately, & Genl. Lee is now in command of the whole Confederate force now on the Big Sand. Reinforcements are coming up every day, but it is said Potomac is also receiving large reinforcements - A bloody battle is expected, & I hear Grant that - our poor boy may be permitted to pass through it unharm'd. I have some very rough trim out here, but at present, I am indeed most comfortable, & if I were even only out of this horrible storm, I could feel more satisfied - The Taverners are all deserted & we are now quartered in a private family, a mile from the public road.