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**Transcription:**

**Head Quarters, Ninth Army Corps,**  
Camp near Knoxville, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Madam:

Before leaving Lexington, George Derrick arrived there from Columbia and requested me to write to you for him the result of his inquiries and efforts to obtain the General's sword. We left next morning and my preparations consumed all my time. Since then we have been on the move, until a few days ago.

George applied to Capt. Anderson, Gen. Burnside's Asst. Adj. Genl who gave him every assistance and a note to the Superintendent of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad who promised to recover the sword if it could be had by any possibility. If recovered it was to be sent by George's direction to Capt. Anderson who promised to forward it to you by Express. I wrote to Major Kelsey to get together any of the General's things that were left at Division Headquarters, and dispose of them to the best advantage. For a couple of days after arriving here we lay quite near the 45<sup>th</sup>, but being very busy getting our Camp located and Headquarters established, I was unable to get over to see the Columbians. They were ordered off before I could visit them. We follow in a day or so, and when we again catch up I will see Major Kelsey and learn exactly what of the General's property was left.

The Major wrote me of a marine glass forwarded by Express to the General which he thought might be in the office at Lexington. It was not there but I remember hearing one of the clerks at the Burnet House, Cincinnati say that there was a box there for General Welsh, which had come by Express, and had been there some time. I intended to examine it, but leaving at short notice, forgot it. I immediately wrote to Mr. Lockard to get the box and let me know what the contents were. Since that time I have been cut off from all mails and I presume his reply is somewhere on the road. When I hear I will write you word whether the glass is there or not. If I were within reach of Cincinnati I would gladly purchase the glass for my own use, but until our line of communication is more thoroughly opened, I can have no certainty of ever receiving it, should it be sent.

I presume the money I forwarded arrived safely by Express, and that you have sent me word to that effect, but I suppose that it is with the back mails. I have the Express Company's receipt so that should the package not come to hand it can be recovered.

Hoping that yourself and family are well  
I am your very obt. servant  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Wright



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**Scope and Content Note:**

*Handwritten letter to Annie Welsh from Samuel Wright, Headquarters Ninth Army Corps, Camp near Knoxville, Kentucky. Letter details Wright's failed efforts to locate Welsh's sword and a marine glass, a timepiece similar to an hourglass.*

