

Barrancas Florida

Sept 9th 1864

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the family. Trip the boy for me
and tell him not to trouble his Ma
Mum. I am quite anxious to see
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