

[LETTER 8]

Washington, DC 11<sup>th</sup>

My darling baby

Yesterday morning at this time things looked a little mixed. The Missouri Delegation had held a meeting the night previous to decide on a person for recommendation for the Pension agency There were some 1/2 doz candidates all of whom were thrown aside except Gen Pile & myself. The Choice of the Delegation was for me but owing to Piles being poor they finally fixed on him. Thinking that my case looked a little blue I called on the President with the intention of paying my respects and going home. I saw Gen Dent who said the president was not receiving but remarked that the my case was not hopeless and he would advise me to say[sic] a day or two longer So taking this hint I concluded to remain I called on the Mr. Drake who received me very kindly and said that Gen Pile should not be appointed if he could help it. I suppose the matter will be determined either today or tomorrow My chances are very fair but there may be some difficulty yet unknown. Gen Horner[?] & Bozel[?] told me that speeches were even made in the Caucus that were very flattering to me and that even those who opposed me acknowledged my claims. I tell you Old Lady I stand A-1 here with all parties Be sure and say nothing about the arrangement made between me a certain friend to no one. I hope you have gotten all my letters. I have written every day I believe but not one line have I received from you I got a few lines from Annie yesterday I don't think she will go west with

me. Ever your loving husband  
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