

Washington Dec 11th

My Darling baby

Just yesterday morning at
this time things looked a little
miserable. The Missouri Delegation have
held a meeting the night previous to
decide on a person for recommen-
dation for the Pension Agency

There were some 12 or 13 candidates all
of whom were thorough acids except
Sam Kile & myself. The choice of the Delegation
was for me but owing to Kile 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 Sam Dent who said the President
was not receiving, but remarked that the
my case was not hopeless and he would
advise me to stay a day or two longer
In talking this point I concluded I would

I called on Mr Fisher when
received one very kindly and said
that Gen Rice should not be appointed
if he could help it. I suppose the
matter will be determined either to-
day or tomorrow. My chances are
very fair but there may be some
difficulty yet tomorrow. Mr Adams
& Boyd told me that I spoke very
well made in the Caucus that was
very flattering to me. and that even those
who oppose me acknowledged
my claims. Tell you Old Lady I
stand N^o 1 here with all parties
B: sum and say nothing about the
arrangement made between me and a
certain friend to no one. Hope
you have gotten all my letters. I have
written every day believe but not
one line has been received from you
I got a fine line from Anne yesterday
I don't think she will go west with
me. Love your loving husband
B: sum