

Washington City

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William,

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. was rec<sup>d</sup>. In re-  
lation to California we will talk that over  
on my return. Should the prospects of gold  
be anything like what is expected it will produce  
a great revolution in condition of community.

As regards my insurance I renewed it  
at Montpelier last autumn. You will probably  
so learn in answer to your inquiry thro.

My health is much as usual and our  
session is now near two thirds through for  
which I am thankful - Little is done or will  
be done this session; and this is as expected.

While our politicians are still full of  
speculations as to Gen. Taylor's Cabinet ~~as~~  
little is known on the subject here as in  
Vermont, and as little too on the course which  
will be taken as to the office generally.

As to the Congressional proceedings and the