

Washington City.
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William,

I have rec^d yours of the 11th inst.
As to the pension bill I must sustain it
and cannot desert the old soldiers, of whom
my state contains such numbers, but
there is no probability of its passage in the
Senate, in my opinion.

I think the tariff may receive some
modification, even this session, but of the
adoption of specific duties, so much needed
by our manufacturers, I believe there is
no prospect.

The Pacific Rail Road which the Senate
is still travelling, will yet occupy much
time but no bill will pass. The majority
of the Senate cannot agree on a plan and
a place.