


Smith, Donald  
Hill to Smith

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Jay Cooke called at Kennedy's while I was there in regard to relations with Nor. Pac. & talked as if he wanted all matters fairly adjusted between the companies. On return trip from N.Y. I saw Mitchell & Merrill in Milwaukee, who assured me they would do nothing against our interests. Pres. Wright of N.P. trying to make everyone believe he will carry out idea of rr. on west side. To be safe I wired & wrote Stephen to forestall any other rr. to Manitoba by having government execute agreement & rec'd S's reply saying contract safe & good as executed but to wire Smith  come East. We are hav-

ing heavy business on [Red] River. Kittson  
has gone East for his health.

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