

Worcester, July 26<sup>th</sup> 1861 -

Dear Friend Mark

on receiving your letter I began enquiring in regard to the Junctionary you have named - I have effected but little as yet, but shall moreover, by my own acquaintance with the gentleman, is very limited - I never heard him speak on political - I have now a letter before me - (Confidential) in answer to one written by me, which gives pretty much the same account you have given - but all here - say - I have little - if any doubt, as to the views of the many - that they are quite on "the sunny South" side, but unless I can lay my hands on some thing positive I must forbear making changes - I know several persons who have been rather intimate with him, and shall see some of them soon - they are not now in Worcester - therefore upon it, I shall be busy, until I am satisfied that we have, or have not a traitor in charge of our affairs at Lyburn.

I have much to write to you. This is only my acknowledgment of your letter, & a thousand kind words from us all, to you and yours,  
H. Powers &