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Golden Town June 9th 1862

Judge White
Dear Sir

Your favour was rec^d in due time. I scarcely know what to say for the fact that I could not get to know certainly whether Meredith was on the track or no, some said he was not. But there was something in the wind. I have no doubt but he wanted it. but I think he & his friends were afraid and were waiting for something to turn up and bring him out.

Our election came off on Saturday the 27th May. I rec^d yours on the Tuesday before - after reflection - I wrote to a friend in Kittanning & had Harrys tickets printed & distributed as far as it could be done in the short time.

A man by the name of Dr. M^r of Freeport - it appears had no

out in some places, but I think
he had not made much public
effort - & had not his tickets generally
over the County, Be that as it may
(and Harry did not reach half the
election districts) Harry beat
him - and has this County.

Now the only trouble in this
County, is, The Return judges
took it into their heads, that they
had the power to elect, Congressional,
Senatorial & Legislative Congresses
(Not one half of the townships being
represented by a return judge)
Many having sent in the returns
of their township by letter.

Now the trick is this, a Son
of J. E. Meredith is one of the Senatorial
Congresses - & I have not learned
who the other two are - do you
see the snake? If there is to be
any foul work, or if Harry dont
carry your County - (if he does

the thing is settled, without con-
ferred action) (that is to all intents
and purposes) But in case
he should not, & doubt arises
with us in regard to the honesty
of Young Meredith or either of
the others — then we will
demand of the Chairman
of the Co Executive Committee
to call a meeting of two Delegates
from each Township. Abroad
to elect Congressional, Senatorial
& Legislative, Congress for this
County — & He (the Chairman) will
do it for he is a Candidate that
fall & wont dare offend any body.
And we will have men in form
of the men who carried the Co.

I firmly believe Harry will
beat Meredith in this Co today.

You go ahead & be sure that
that Harry carries your Co.

Yours

J. H. Allison

I might have written sooner, but I wanted
to go to Kittering & get the full run of the
press — I have written in very
great haste & no time for accuracy of
style &c — Yours W. H. C.

June 9 1862

W. H. C.