this office, I shall return to them to remain. As to that the boys told me that Pierce had given Uncle William a promise not to remove me, and though I do not put much confidence in that, I have more in the urgent assurances of Hooker that I need be under no apprehension. He could not of course go into particulars but I felt satisfied that he would use his own influence to aid in having me retained. I told him that I should of course be glad of any assistance from my friends, but I could not consent that any other interest should be sacrificed on my account, as I had no right to ask favors from the new administration, and it might exhaust their influence to keep me in. There are some excuses for lenity towards me it is true, for Adair though a democrat has been suffered to remain through his whole term, and I was only appointed at the expiration of it on his proving a defaulter. This being a territory too and not a State & having therefore no right to vote is of less consequence, but there will be awful kicking if any whigs are left in. There is a split in the democratic ranks and at the head of one branch is Judge Pratt, with a tail of Thurston men. They are the most violent foul mouthed and abusive blackguards out of hell, and Pratt the d-dest rascal agoing & every possible effort will be made by them to clear the kitchen. To this set belong the old Methodist Mission backsliders and all of Pike and Posey counties, and a beautiful, lovely and charming set they are & be d-d to them. Now I want to be perfectly candid with you in the matter, for I know you will wish to exert your