

Boston - July 24th '92 -

Dear Major Mc Dowell.

I thank
you for your notes - I did not reply
to the first, as you know by this time
of my entire confidence in your care
& discretion as to the horses -

Accidents come to us all & are sometimes
avoidable & often not so -

Will you please ^{send} that stallion
to me & tell me when he is likely

to arrive - I shall use him a
little for service, if he is old enough -

Will you please give me his pedigree
& your opinion of his probable quality in
breeding - I've a fine Virginian
mare, 15³ - of handsome gait as well
as body, well-bred - not of trotting stock,
but likely to do excellent work - close-ribbed
rather of the hackney cut, but a trifle
long-legged - Would not she cross well
with this horse?