

State of Vermont.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Brattleboro, July 27, 1862.

Genl. J. W. Phelps,

My dear General:- I am indebted to you for several very interesting letters, which should have been answered long ago. I have fully intended to answer your letters promptly, but have been prevented by the pressure of Executive business. No sooner than I get one class of matters off my hands, others succeed, claiming immediate attention. These war times make a great amount of business for men situated as I am; and as you very well know, the details of raising, organizing and getting off new Regts. are almost innumerable. When I sent you our 7th & 8th Regts., the opinion of Govt. was that no more troops would be called for. I could never see that there were enough troops raised, and advised the Secy of War, in March last, to call out 200,000 more; but he replied these were enough, & more than could be used! Well, thought I, if that be so, I can

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