

Brattleboro, Aug. 27. 1861.

Genl. J. W. Phelps,

My dear Sir:- Your esteemed favor under date of the 17th was duly received. It was post. marked the 18th, and received by the afternoon mail on the 20th - a remarkably quick passage.

I am grieved & surprised to learn that your Commission lingers so unaccountably. Genl. Baxter informed me that he had an interview with Pres. Lincoln on the subject of your promotion to a Brig. Genl.; also that our Senators & Representatives had an interview with the Pres<sup>t</sup>. for the same purpose; that the Pres<sup>t</sup>. was entirely satisfied of the propriety of such promotion, & at once nominated you to the Senate for promotion, and the Senate promptly confirmed the nomination. The newspapers reported the confirmation at the time it occurred. I expect to see