

# State of Vermont.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Brattleboro, Aug. 10. 1862

Genl. D. W. Phelps,

My dear Sir:-

I wish I had the leisure to be a fuller and more prompt correspondent, I often think of things I would like to talk over with you, and to write to you about, but, with a sigh, realize that I can for the present do neither. Your interesting letter of the 21st Ult. was duly received. I hope you will allow the habit to continue of writing to me frequently upon any and all subjects that interest you or engage your efforts, for it is exceedingly gratifying to me to hear from you. I am rejoiced that you are forming "the Dark Brigade", of which you speak. I would organize and drill the men, if I were you, even though it were not probable that the Administration would allow them to be armed and used as soldiers. The