



Executive Department,

St. Johnsbury,

July 29th 1861.

Col J. W. Phelps,

Dear Sir,

Your writing you on Saturday,
it has occurred to me that it will be better
to store in New York the tents and other
camp equipage not disposed of at Fort Mifflin.
It may in great part be wanted for the 2^d
Regiment, which lost most of its outfit in the
lamentable retreat from Manassas.

It may be that the Government will take
your horses. It will be better to sell them
to return them, as I have sent horses to
the 2^d Regiment during the last week.

I will write Mr. Hatfield to provide for the care
of the property should you decide to leave it
in New York. I desire to leave to your own
discretion much of the disposition to be made
of the equipage. The muskets & personal outfit
of the men will of course be returned with
them. I hope to be apprised by telegraph
of the time when you will reach Rutland.

Very truly yours
E. W. Washburn