

 Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 10. 1861.
Genl. J. W. Phelps,
Camp Butler,
Newport's News, Va.

My dear Sir:

Your very polite
and friendly letter of July 3^d, con-
gratulating me upon my nomination
for Governor of Vermont, was duly
received, and was very gratifying
to myself and Mrs. A. In Vermont,
a nomination of this kind by the
dominant Party, is considered equi-
valent to an election. If elected by
the people, it shall be my earnest
endeavor to discharge the duties
of the place faithfully & well, though
I am aware that in these times
there are many difficulties to be
met in the performance of such duties.