

State of Vermont.



Executive Department,

Brattleboro, Nov. 29, 1861

Genl. J. W. Phelps,

My dear Sir:

I have your esteemed favor of the 22^d, and am greatly gratified that you are to be in command in Butler's New England Division. The fact is hailed in Vermont with universal pleasure, especially, among other reasons, that our 8th Regt, now recruiting, is to be in that Brigade. Immediately on learning that you were to go with the Expedition, I set about arrangements to have our 7th Regt. (the old 1st reorganizing) also attached to Butler's Brigade, and it looks as if I might be successful, as Butler is desirous, & we have both applied to Govt. to have it detailed. It would greatly facilitate recruiting if it were known the men would be under you. Your fame as a man & a soldier is great in Vermont and upon everybody's tongue. The 8th Regt.