STATE OF VERMONT.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

Montpelier, Dec. 3rd, 1862

Sir:—

I have the honor to call your attention to the condition of the 9th Regt. of Vermont Volunteers, who were captured at Harper's Ferry and paroled. They are now encamped near Chicago, I. C., and are without sufficient shelter, many without blankets and necessary clothing. They are encamped upon a level tract of land, and whenever it rains (or it has most of the time since they arrived there) the ground is converted into the worst kind of mud. Being encamped near a large city, they are subject to many temptations, and it is almost impossible for the officers to preserve strict discipline. In consequence of their situation the men are becoming idle and discouraged. — I desire that the Regiment, if not
speedily exchanged may be sent to some more healthy place and removed from the proximity of a large city or the Col. would even prefer to be ordered to the frontier to assist in taking care of the Indians.

Send me herewith letter from the cord of the regiment and also Hon. W. E. Halleck, formerly a Judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont and Member of Congress. The statements of both of these gentlemen can be relied upon.

I trust you will take this subject into immediate consideration and advice me of your decision at the earliest possible day.

I am, with high respect,
Your obedient,
Frederick Holliman,
Governor of Vermont

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton,
Sec'y of War,
Washington,
Frederick Holbrook

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