



STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Saint Paul, Feb^y 3 1863

Hon. G. M. Stanton,
Sec^y of War,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

I have received earnest appeals from the officers of the 3^d Minn Tol^y urging the importance and necessity for its preservation, of that Regiment, now doing guard duty at Cairo, being at once ordered to active duty either in Rosecrans or Grants army.

The regiment was surrendered at Mumpresboro in July last and has since become very much demoralized by being separated from their officers and the army. I fear very much unless they are soon sent into more active service, the fine

material of which that regiment
is composed will be lost to the
country.

I would respectfully request that
the Department will have that regi-
ment furnished with the best arms
in the service and that it be
immediately placed where it can
be used, in the front of battle.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt:

Alex. Ramsey

To E. W. STANTON
Sec. of War

Alex. Ramsey
Sec. of Marine