STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Saint Paul, Feb. 5, 1863

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

Dear Sir,

I have received earnest appeal from the officers of the 5th Minnesota, 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 Roecranes or South army.

The regiment was surrendered at Memphis 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 this regiment is composed will be lost to the country.

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

Very respectfully,

Your Ob't Servt.

My Ramsey

To E. M. Ramsey