

State of Minnesota,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

Saint Paul, Aug 28, 1861.

Mr. A. Gorman

Col 1st Regt Minn Vol

Sir: I am instructed by
Gov. Ramsey to acknowledge yours of the 21st and say —
- That, on the 19th of August, a letter dated the 10th
was received here from Lt. Col Miller, Commanding the 1st
Reg^t at that time, asking the State to replace the instruments
of the Regimental Band, which were damaged so as to be
useless, in the retreat after the action of the July 21st

- That, on the same day, (the 19th) a letter from
Chaplain Keitt was received, also dated the 10th, in reference
to the supplying instruments for the Band

- That, on the same day (the 19th) on which
both these letters were received, they were replied to
officially, to the effect and in words, that "the matter
was held under advisement — nothing but the extreme poverty
of the State causing us to hesitate"

And that, on the day following, the 20th, the
Commanding officer of the Regt was again written to and
advised, that arrangements had been made that day with
R. C. Mungie of St Paul (with limits as to price) to

to forward immediately from New York to your Quar-
ters, for your Band, a set of the improved style
of brass instruments to supply those damaged or lost

It is, therefore, suggested to you to countermand
your order as soon as possible, as in nothing is
the State Administration so tenacious, in her present
embarrassed condition financially, than that all dis-
bursements for which our treasury becomes responsible,
shall be first authorized by the Executive Department
here - and by no one else

Very Respectfully

Thomas J. West

Private Secretary to the Gov.