State of Minnesota, EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
Saint Paul, Aug 28, 1861.

W. A. Gorman, Lieut 12th Regt Mil. Vol.

Sirs: I am instructed by

Col. Ramberg to acknowledge your of the 21st and Day.

That, on the 19th of August, a letter dated the 10th

was received here from Lt. Col. Miller, Commanding the 12th
Regt. at that time, asking the State to replace the instrument
of the Regimental Band, which were damaged so as to be

useless, in the retreat after the action of the 21st July

That, on the same day, the 19th, a letter from

Chaplain Neil was received, also dated the 10th, in reference

to the Supply of Instrument 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. Mungur of St. Paul (not his official signature) to
to forward immediately from New York to your Quartermaster, for your Band, a set of the improved style of brass instruments to supply those damaged or lost. This, therefore, suggested to you to countermand your order as soon as possible, as in nothing is the State Administration so tenacious, in his present embroiled condition for and all, then that all disbursement for which our treasury becomes responsible, shall be first authorized by the Executive Department here, and by no one else.

Very Respectfully,

Thomas J. Fister

Private Secretary to the Gov.