

Phillips, Mr. Nov. 14, 1863,

Hon. Abner Coburn,

Dear Sir;

I wish to interest you in, procuring a furlough for a Mr. John M. Keen, of this town. of Co. C. 16th Maine Regt, who is now in the College Hospital. Annapolis Md. He was in the battle at Gettysburg & taken prisoner with quite a portion of the Regt - taken to Richmond, & suffered everything but death, & his health is so impaired that he is in the Hospital & not able to do any labor, or to go into camp, & he thinks he will much sooner recover to than a few weeks at home. & in his letter to me, he says he is anxious to regain his health so that he can again go into the war - He is a fine young man, perfectly reliable & worthy of trust. And he strongly fears that unless he can procure a furlough for 60 days or more, that he shall run down. His family has also been very much afflicted of late, having lost two noble young men, within a few days of each other, with diphtheria, & an only daughter a short time previous. He is very anxious to come home a short time. He can do no good where he is, & I see no valid reason why he should not have a furlough. He wants one for 60 days. If consistent with your views of duty you can say to the Col. of the Regt, that you would

recommended that the said John M. Hum have
a furlough of 60 days for the purpose of recruiting
his impaired health. (& especially, as he has become
satisfied that he cannot regain it when he is.)
You will mirror the his lasting gratitude, and
very much oblige.

Your Obedient Servant,

W. H. Josselyn,,
S. S. Mumwitt encloses a line from said
Hum's Capt. to the Col. of the Regt. W. H. J.

I fully concur in the above
Samuel. S. Lambert

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