



Boston December the 18th 1861
Cornel Shepley Honorabel M^r
Shepley I Beg to Be excused from
not Returning on my furlo it
Expired at the time that I
Was Writing this I hope you
Will Be so Kind as to Excuse
me and not treat me as a Deserter
I Will Return this Evening
I Remain Your faithful
Soldier untill the
Country is free

Patrick Melody

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Description: Patrick Melody's request to not to treated as a deserter for returning late from his furlough.