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President Lincoln annotates a letter that he forwards to Illinois congressman John Farnsworth regarding wounded Private David Patterson. Mrs. Kesiah Patterson, of Durand, Illinois, wrote to Fannie McKean, of Washington, D.C., on behalf of David Patterson's mother. Kesiah Patterson explained that David lacks the "strength and courage...to sustain himself...and now his only hope is to get to his mother and spend the remnant of his life, which he feels will be brief, with her." Lincoln writes, "Can Gen. Farnsworth tell anything about this case?"



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