

W. L. Patterson, Feb 18 1862

Capt Perin Assd In.

Sir,

Please give your personal attention to the situation of the Latham boat, and use all possible efforts to keep it afloat and in condition to meet the necessities of Steamers.

Also please look to the supply of Coal and report the quantity on hand whether private & public.

There will be great demands for transportation up the Cumberland and Tennessee, and it will take time to replenish supply for Louisville.

These Steamers brought down the ~~ammunition~~ ~~is~~ in danger of grounding. Please give the necessary orders and see that they are kept afloat.

Yrs.

W. L. Patterson

Brig Gen Army

Paducah Feb 18<sup>th</sup>  
W. I. Sherman

In reference to whom  
Boatman  
of Coal on Hand  
and Transportation  
up the Tennessee &  
Cumberland