

for us to return as speedily as possible -

Our Ship requires our assistance and within
these two days, some symptoms of fever have
appeared among those stationed in Fort
Madison which is considered peculiarly un-
healthy in September.

I enclose Mr. Patton's Jurlough as
he has left this place for Washington -

I will write again in the morning
after seeing the Governor.

With great respect

Yours. H. P. Hunt



Hon. Sec. of the Navy
Washington