

Sir

Germanatown Nov. 16. 1793.

Your favor of Octob. 15. inclosing a drawing of your cotton gin, was received on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. the only requisite of the Law now uncom-  
-plied with is the forwarding a model, which being received your  
-patent may be made ~~out~~ & delivered to your order immediately.

As the state of Virginia, of which I am, carries on household ma-  
-nufactures of cotton to a great extent, as I also do myself, and  
-one of our great embarrassments is the clearing the cotton of the  
-seed, I feel a considerable interest in the success of your invention,  
-for family use. permit me therefore to ask information from  
-you on these points, has the machine been thoroughly tried in  
-the spinning of cotton, or is it as yet but a machine of theory? what  
-quantity of cotton has it cleared on an average of several days, &  
-worked by hand, & by how many hands? what will be the cost of  
-one of them made to be worked by hand? favorable answers  
-to these questions ~~would~~ would induce me to engage one of  
-them to be forwarded to Richmond for me. wishing to hear  
-from you on the subject, I am Sir

P.S. is this the machine above. Yours most obed<sup>t</sup>. serv<sup>t</sup>  
-tried the last year by Pearce  
-at the Patterson manufactory?

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