

Sir

Germanstown Nov. 16. 1793.

Your favor of Octob. 15. inclosing a drawing of your cotton gin, was received on the 6th 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 man-
-ufactures 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, &
woked by hand, & by how many hands? what will be the cost of
one of them made to be woked 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^t. serv^t
-tried the last year by Pearce
at the Patterson manufactory?

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