

A CAUTION.

THE subscribers having, by the industry and attention of Eli Whitney, and at a heavy expence on the part of Phineas Miller, invented, perfected, and brought into use, a new constructed machine for ginning cotton, had flattered themselves that the Planters would have been satisfied with the moderate terms proposed for cleaning out their crops, and that a property, acquired in a manner so advantageous to the general interest of the public, would have been protected from injury, without the intervention of the laws. But since this is not likely to be the case, the best information having been received that several attempts have been made, under the pretext of improvements on their machine, to trespass on their rights, and to wrest from them their hard earned privileges, they are induced to give the following public notice: That the said Eli Whitney did, on the 14th day of March, 1794, obtain a patent, executed in due form, under the great seal of the United States, granting to him the full and exclusive right and liberty of making, using, and vending to others to be used, his new and useful improvement in the mode of ginning cotton, for the term of 14 years, beginning from the 6th day of November, 1793, as will appear on record in the office of the Secretary of State to the United States: That, on the 21st day of June, 1794; the said Eli Whitney, by deed of transfer on record at said office, made conveyance of one half of his interest in said patent to the said Phineas Miller.

That the principle of the improvement on which said patent is founded consists in picking the cotton from the seed with teeth, from which it is afterwards removed with a brush.

This improvement being perfectly different from any method heretofore practised for ginning cotton is the more clearly and explicitly secured by the laws of the United States made for the encouragement of the arts.

And since the property acquired by the patentees in this invention is placed under the same protection as any real estate belonging to their fellow citizens, they will view in the same light every trespass or injury to which it may be exposed, and will certainly make use of the means which the laws of their country have placed in their hands to obtain ample redress.

As they will be forced, however, with great reluctance, to this necessity, they now offer to those who have hitherto been ignorant of their patent, and who have constructed machines upon principles, the use of which is thereby exclusively secured to the patentees, that if they will immediately desist from all further trespases, and deliver up the machines so constructed, they shall not be prosecuted for the heavy penalty they have forfeited by the laws, but meet with every reasonable indulgence from

MILLER and WHITNEY.

Savannah, May 1, 1795.