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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 was uncess-

It 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 cleaning 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 ginning of cotton, or is it as yet but a machine of theory? what  
quantity of cotton has it cleaned 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 your most obs. sent  
the last year by Pearce  
at the Patterson Manufactory?

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