

Vicksburg Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1870  
St. J. Withers Esq  
Jackson  
Miss

Dear Sir  
In response to yours  
under date 17<sup>th</sup> we have to report that  
Mr Pratt was on the Watson place which  
Cotton had it gined on time and have  
you Mr Bullock's remarks made in our  
office which if kept up during the day  
would have been over seven Bales of Cotton  
Mr Pratt is prepared to make affidavit that  
the revolutions were only two hundred & ten and  
that the capacity and requirements of instruction  
in running require two hundred & eighty revolutions  
We can furnish any amount of certificates  
if they will satisfy you that there is  
hardly such a gin stand anywhere as the  
one you have and properly geared will  
do more than you ask, one of our Giners  
told Mr Pratt that he had gined five Bales  
on the present speed, Hoping this will be  
satisfactory we hope you will rest at once  
Especially so as 60 Bales have been gined  
Yours  
Maulore Hottel

Maulore Hottel  
Buchanan  
about 1870