Washington, Dec. 8, 1845

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Nov. 27 was here for me when I arrived on yesterday. I also received the counters瘦身 at Springfield, but seeing I could do nothing in the matter then, there was nothing to do but to try and keep busy with the Presidential election. If I knew it by and forgot it, I should do better now.

Hereewith I send you a statement of “Instructions” which you can examine, and then if you think fit to file a caveat you can take to a description and drawing of your invention or “improvement” together with $20 in gold and I will file it for you. Nothing can be done by caveat or by examining the model, but if you reject having a description of your invention you persecution the reason of this.

Yours, as ever,

A. Lincoln.