

TO P. H. WATSON ¹

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., July 23, 1855.

P. H. WATSON, ESQ.,
Washington, D.C.,

My dear Sir: At our interview here in June, I understood you to say you would send me copies of the Bill and Answer in the case of McCormick ² vs. Manny ³ and Co. and also of depositions, as fast as they could be taken and printed. I have had nothing from you since. However, I attended the U.S. Court at Chicago, and while there, got copies of the Bill and Answer. I write this particularly to urge you to forward on to me the additional evidence as fast as you can. During August, and the remainder of this month, I can devote some time to the case, and, of course, I want all the material that can be had.

During my stay at Chicago, I went out to Rockford, and spent half a day, examining and studying Manny's Machine.

I think you ought to be sworn before the evi-

¹ A prominent patent lawyer, afterwards Assistant Secretary of War under Lincoln and Stanton. Edwin M. Stanton was also associated with Lincoln in the defense of the case referred to in this letter, while Reverdy Johnson and E. N. Dickinson acted for the plaintiff. The defense won the case. This was the beginning of Lincoln's acquaintance with Stanton. Original owned by Mr. J. L. Smith, Ashtabula, O.

² Cyrus H. McCormick.

³ John H. Manny, of Rockford, Ill.

dence closes: of this however I leave you and others
to judge. Very truly Yours,

A. LINCOLN.