

Armory, Spencer Repeating Rifle Company.

Boston Aug. 13 1863.

His Excellency,

Abraham Lincoln.

President of the United States.

Sir,

This will be handed you by Mr. C. M. Spencer who is the inventor of our arm.

Mr Spencer will deliver to you the Rifle and ammunition which Mr Cheney promised to send you.

It would give us much satisfaction if you would allow Mr. Spencer to make a trial of the rifle in your presence, and we would suggest that as the Hon. Secretary of War, Gen. Halleck and others were knowing to the mishaps of our gun at its former trials before you, that it would be very desirable that they should be present if possible.

If you can conveniently arrange such an exhibition we should esteem it a very great favor.

Mr Spencer will hold himself at your