'For my noble Friends the Committee of the Association sitting: at Cambridge: These.'

Huntingdon, 6th August, 1643.

GENTLEMEN,

You see by this Enclosed how sadly your affairs stand. It's no longer Disputing, but Out instantly all you can! Raise all your Bands; send them to Huntingdon;-get up what Volunteers you can; hasten your Horses.

Send these Letters to Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, without delay. I beseech you spare not, but the expeditious and industrious! Almost all our Foot have quitted Stamford: there is nothing to interrupt an Enemy, but our Horse, that is considerable. You must act lively; do it without distraction. Neglect no means!-I am

Your faithful servant, OLIVER CROMWELL.