'For his Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Fairfax, General of the Parliament's Forces: These.'

'London,' 31st July, 1646.

SIR,

I was desired to write a letter to you by Adjutant Fleming. The end of it is, To desire your Letter in his commendation. He will acquaint you with the sum thereof, more particularly what the business is. I most humbly submit to your better judgment, when you hear it from him.

Craving pardon for my boldness in putting you to this trouble,

I rest, Your most humble servant, OLIVER CROMWELL.