'For my beloved Cousin, Colonel Whalley, at Hampton Court: These.'

'Putney, November, 1647.'

DEAR COS. WHALLEY,

There are rumours abroad of some intended attempt on his Majesty's person. Therefore I pray have a care of your guards. If any such thing should be done, it would be accounted a most horrid act.

Yours, OLIVER CROMWELL.