'To my honoured Friend, Sir John Burgoyne, Bart.: These.'

'Huntingdon,' 10th April, 1643.

SIR,

These Plunders draw near. I think it will do well if you can afford us any assistance of Dragooners, to help in this great Exigence. We have here about Six or Seven Troops of Horse; such, I hope, as will fight. It's happy to resist such beginnings betimes.

If you can contribute anything to our aid, let us speedily participate thereof. In the mean time, and ever, command

Your humble servant, OLIVER CROMWELL.