GENTLEMEN,

It was not a little wonder to me to see that you should send Mr. Symonds so
great a journey, about a business importing so little, as far as it relates to me;
whereas, if my poor opinion may not be rejected by you, I have to offer to that
which I think the most noble end, to wit, The Commemoration of that great
Mercy at Dunbar, and the Gratuity to the Army. Which might be better
expressed upon the Medal, by engraving, as on the one side the Parliament,
which I hear was intended and will do singularly well, so on the other side an
Army, with this Inscription over the head of it, The Lord of Hosts, which was
our Word that day. Wherefore, if I may beg it as a favour from you, I most
earnestly beseech you, if I may do it without offence, that it may be so. And if
you think not fit to have it as I offer, you may alter it as you see cause; only I
do think I may truly say, it will be very thankfully acknowledged by me, if you
will spare the having my Effigies in it.

The Gentleman's pains and trouble hither have been very great; and I shall
make it my second suit unto you that you will please to confer upon him that
Employment which Nicholas Briot had before him: indeed the man is
ingenious, and worthy of encouragement. I may not presume much; but if, at
my request, and for my sake, he may obtain this favour, I shall put it upon the
account of my obligations, which are not few; and, I hope, shall be found
ready to acknowledge 'it' and to approve myself,

Gentlemen,
Your most real servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.