

For the Governor of the Castle of Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, 12th December, 1650.

SIR,

It concerns not me to know your obligations to those that trust you. I make no question of the apprehensions you have of your abilities to resist those impressions which shall be made upon you, are the natural and equitable rules of all men's judgments and consciences in your condition;-except you had taken an oath beyond a possibility. I leave that to your consideration; and shall not seek to contest with your thoughts: only I think it may become me to let you know, You may have honourable terms for yourself and those with you; and both yourself and soldiers have satisfaction to all your reasonable desires; and those that have other employments, liberty and protection in the exercise of them.

But to deal plainly with you, I will not give liberty to you to consult your Committee of Estates; because I hear, those that are honest amongst them, enjoy not satisfaction, and the rest are now discovered to seek another Interest than they have formerly pretended to. And if you desire to be informed of this, you may, by them you dare trust, at a nearer distance than St. Johnston.

Expecting your present answer, I rest,

Sir, your servant,  
OLIVER CROMWELL.

The Governor's Reply No. 2 arrives on the morrow, Friday:

For his Excellency the Lord General of the English Forces in Scotland.

Edinburgh Castle, 13th December, 1650.

MY LORD,-It much concerneth me (considering my obligations) to be found faithful in the trust committed to me. And therefore, in the fear of the living God, and of His great Name called upon in the accepting of my trust, I do again press the liberty of acquainting the Estates The time is but short; and I do expect it as answerable to your profession of affection to those that fear the Lord. In the meantime I am willing to hear information of late proceedings from such as he dare trust who is,-my Lord, your humble servant,

W. DUNDAS.