

For the Governor of Edinburgh Castle: These.

Edinburgh, 14th December, 1650.

SIR,

Having acquainted the Gentlemen with your desire to speak with them, and they making some difficulty of it, have desired me to send you this enclosed. I rest,

Sir, your servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.

Here is "this enclosed:"

For the Right Honourable the Governor of Edinburgh Castle: These.

Edinburgh, 14th December, 1650.

RIGHT HONOURABLE,-We now hearing that you was desirous to speak with us for your information of the posture of affairs, we would be glad, and we think you make no doubt of it, to be refreshing or useful to you in anything; but the matter is of so high concernment, especially since it may be you will lean somewhat upon our information in managing that important trust put upon you, that we dare not take upon us to meddle: ye may therefore do as ye find yourselves clear and in capacity; and the Lord be with you. We are, Sir, your honour's humble servants, wellwishers in the Lord.

AL. JAFFRAY.
JO. CARSTAIRS.

Edinburgh Castle, 18th December, 1650.

"MY LORD,-I expected that conscience, which you pretended to be your motive that did induce you to summon this house before you did attempt anything against it, should also have moved you to have expected my Answer to your Demand of the house: which I could not, out of conscience, suddenly give, without mature deliberation; it being a business of such high importance. You having refused that little time, which I did demand to the effect I might receive the commands of them that did intrust me with this place; and "I" yet not daring to fulfil your desire,-I do demand such a competent time as may be condescended upon betwixt us, within which if no relief come, I shall surrender this place upon such honourable conditions as can be agreed upon by capitulation; and during which time all acts of hostility and prosecution of attempts on both sides may be forborne. I am, my Lord, your humble servant,

W. DUNDAS."

For the Governor of Edinburgh Castle: These.

Edinburgh, 18th December, 1650.

SIR,

All that I have to say is shortly this: That if you will send out Commissioners by eleven o'clock this night, thoroughly instructed and authorised to treat and conclude, you may have terms, honourable and safe to you, and 'to' those whose interests are concerned in the things that are with you. I shall give a safe-conduct to such whose names you shall send within the time limited, and order to forbear shooting at their coming forth, and going in.

To this I expect your answer within one hour, and rest,

Sir, your servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.

The Governor's Reply,

Edinburgh Castle, 18th December, 1650.

MY LORD,-I have thought upon these two Gentlemen whose names are here mentioned; to wit, Major Andrew Abernethy and Captain Robert Henderson; whom I purpose to send out instructed, in order to the carrying-on the Capitulation. Therefore expecting a safe-conduct for them with this bearer,-I rest, my Lord, your humble servant,

W. DUNDAS.

For the Governor of Edinburgh Castle: These.

Edinburgh, 18th December, 1650.

SIR,

I have, here enclosed, sent you a safe-conduct for the coming forth and return of the Gentlemen you desire; and have appointed and authorised Colonel Monk and Lieutenant-Colonel White to meet with your Commissioners, at the house in the safe-conduct mentioned; there to treat and conclude of the Capitulation, on my part. I rest,

Sir, your servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.

Here is his Excellency's Pass or safe-conduct for them:

PASS

To all Officers and Soldiers under my command.

You are on sight hereof to suffer Major Andrew Abernethy and Captain Robert Henderson to come forth of Edinburgh Castle, to the house of Mr. Wallace in Edinburgh, and to return back into the said Castle, without any trouble or molestation.

Given under my hand, this 18th December, 1650.

OLIVER CROMWELL.