

'Boston,' 11th September, '1643.'

SIR,

Of all men I should not trouble you with money matters,-did not the heavy necessities my Troops are in, press upon me beyond measure. I am neglected exceedingly!

I am now ready for my march towards the Enemy; who hath entrenched himself over against Hull, my Lord Newcastle having besieged the Town. Many of my Lord of Manchester's Troops are come to me: very bad and mutinous, not to be confined in ; they paid to a week almost; mine noways provided-for to support them, except by the poor Sequestrations of the County of Huntingdon!-My Troops increase. I have a lovely company; you would respect them, did you know them. No "Anabaptists; " they are honest sober Christians:-they expect to be used as men!

If I took pleasure to write to the House in bitterness, I have occasion. 'Of' the 3,000l. allotted me, I cannot get the Norfolk part nor the Hertfordshire: it was given 'away' before I had it.-I have minded your service to forgetfulness of my own Soldiers' necessities. I desire not to seek myself: 'but' I have little money of my own to help my Soldiers. My estate is little. I tell you, the Business of Ireland and England hath had of me, in money, between Eleven and Twelve Hundred pounds;-therefore my Private can do little to help the Public. You have had my money: I hope in God I desire to venture my skin. So do mine. Lay weight upon their patience; but break it not! Think of that which may be a real help. I believe 5,000l. is due.

If you lay aside the thought of me and my Letter, I expect no help. Pray for.

Your true friend and servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.