

'To Mr. Parker, Agent for the Company of Adventurers for Draining the Great Level of the Fens.'

'Whitehall,' 23d April, 1653.

MR. PARKER,

I hear some unruly persons have lately committed great outrages in Cambridgeshire, about Swaffham and Botsham, in throwing down the works making by the Adventurers, and menacing those they employ thereabout. Wherefore I desire you to send one of my Troops, with a Captain, who may by all means persuade the people to quiet, by letting them know, They must not riotously do anything, for that must not be suffered: but 'that' if there be any wrong done by the Adventurers,-upon complaint, such course shall be taken as appertains to justice, and right will be done. I rest,

Your loving friend,
OLIVER CROMWELL