

For my honoured Friends, the Committee for Regulating the Customs: These present.

'Whitehall, October 1653.'

GENTLEMEN,

I am sorry after recommendation of a Friend of mine the Bearer hereof,- considering him in relation to his poor Parents an object of pity and commiseration, yet well deserving and not less qualified for employment,-he should find such cold success amongst you.

His great necessities and my love once more invite me to write unto you, in his behalf, To bestow on him, if it may not be in the City by reason of multiplicity of suitors, a place in the Out-ports; and I doubt not but his utmost abilities will be improved to the faithful discharging of such trust as you shall impose on him, for the good of the Commonwealth. And thereby you will engage him who remains,

Your affectionate friend,  
OLIVER CROMWELL.