

To the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Rymer, Knight, Lord Mayor of London:
These.

'Whitehall,' 5th July, 1654.

MY LORD MAYOR,

It is not my custom now, nor shall be, without some special cause moving, to interpose anything to the hindrance of any in the free course of their presenting persons in the Public Ministry.

But, well considering how much it concerns the public peace, and what an opportunity may be had of promoting the interest of the Gospel, if some eminent and fit person of a pious and peaceable spirit and conversation were placed in Christ-Church,-and though I am not ignorant what interest the State may justly challenge to supply the place, which by an Order of State is become void, notwithstanding any resignation that is made:

Yet forasmuch as your Lordship and the rest of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital are about to present thereunto a person of known nobility and integrity before you, namely Mr. Turner, I am contented, if you think good so to improve the present opportunity as to present him to the place, 'and thus' to have all other questions silenced;-which will not alone be the fruit thereof; but I believe also the true good of the Parish therein concerned will be thereby much farthered. I rest,

Your assured friend,
OLIVER P.

'P.S.' I can assure you few men of his time in England have a better repute for piety and learning than Mr. Turner.