

'For my loving Son, Richard Cromwell, Esquire, at Hursley: These.'

'Whitehall,' 29th May, 1656.

SON,

You know there hath often been a desire to sell Newhall, because in these four years last past it hath yielded very little or no profit at all, nor did I ever hear you ever liked it for a seat. It seems there may be a chapman had, who will give 18,000l.

It shall either be paid out where you shall desire; at Mr. Wallop's or elsewhere, and the money put into feoffees' hands in trust to be so disposed: or I shall settle Burleigh; which yields near 1,300l per annum, besides the woods. Waterhouse will give you farther information.

I rest,
Your loving father,
OLIVER P.

'P.S.' My love to your Father and Mother, and your dear Wife.