

To the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Fairfax, General of the Parliament's
Army: Haste: These:

Wallop, 14th (error for 16th) October, 1645.

SIR,

In to-day's march I came to Wallop, twenty miles from Basing, towards you.
That night I received this enclosed from the Speaker of the House of
Commons; which I thought fit to send you; and to which I returned an Answer,
a copy whereof I have also sent enclosed to you.

I perceive that it's their desire to have the place taken in. But truly I could not
do other than let them know what the condition of affairs in the West is, and
submit the business to them and you. I shall be at Longford House to-morrow
night, if God please. I hope the work will not be long. If it should, I will rather
leave a small part of the Foot (if Horse will not be sufficient to take it in), than
be detained from obeying such commands as I shall receive. I humbly
beseech you to be confident that no man hath a more faithful heart to serve
you than myself, nor shall be more strict to obey your commands than

Your most humble servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.