

For his Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax, the General: These.

London, 10th August, 1646.

SIR,

Hearing you were returned from Ragland to the Bath, I take the boldness to make this address to you. Our Commissioners sent to the King came this night to London. I have spoken with two of them, and can only learn these generals, That there appears a good inclination in the Scots to the rendition of our Towns, and to their march out of the Kingdom. When they bring in their Papers we shall know more. Argyle, and the Chancellor, and Dunfermline are come up. Duke of Hamilton is gone from the King into Scotland. I hear that Montrose's men are not disbanded. The King gave a very general answer. Things are not well in Scotland:-would they were in England! We are full of faction and worse.

I hear for certain that Ormond has concluded a Peace with the Rebels. Sir, I beseech you command the Solicitor to come away to us. His help would be welcome.-Sir, I hope you have not cast me off. Truly I may say, none more affectionately honours nor loves you. You and yours are in my daily prayers. You have done enough to command the utmost of,

Your faithful and most obedient servant,  
OLIVER CROMWELL.

'P.S.' I beseech you my humble service may be presented to your Lady.

'P.S. 2d.' The money for disbanding Massey's men is gotten, and you will speedily have directions about them from the Commons House.