

For John Rushworth, Esquire, Secretary to his Excellency, at the Bath: These.

The House 'of Commons,' 26th August, '1646.'

MR. RUSHWORTH,

I must needs entreat a favour on the behalf of Major Lilburn; who has a long time wanted employment, and by reason good his necessities may grow upon him.

You should do very well to move the General to take him into favourable thoughts. I know, a reasonable employment will content him. As for his honesty and courage, I need not speak much of 'that,' seeing he is so well known both to the General and yourself.

I desire you answer my expectation herein so far as you may. You shall very much oblige,

Sir,  
Your real friend and servant,  
OLIVER CROMWELL.