

For his Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax, 'General of the Parliament's Army:'
These.

'London,' 6th October, 1646.

SIR,

I would be loath to trouble you with anything; but indeed, the Staffordshire Gentlemen came to me this day, and with more than ordinary impetuosity did press me to give their desires furtherance to you. Their Letter will shew what they entreat of you. Truly, Sir, it may not be amiss to give them what ease may well be afforded, and the sooner the better, especially at this time.

I have no more at present, but to let you know the business of your Army is like to come on to-morrow. You shall have account of that business as soon as I am able to give it. I humbly take leave, and rest,

Your Excellency's most humble servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.