

For his Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax: These.

Putney, 13th October, 1647.

SIR,

The case concerning Captain Middleton hears ill; inasmuch as it is delayed, upon pretences, from coming to a trial. It is not, I humbly conceive, fit that it should stay any longer. The Soldiers complain thereof, and their witnesses have been examined. Captain Middleton, and some others for him, have made stay thereof hitherto.

I beseech your Excellency to give order it may be tried on Friday or Saturday at farthest, if you please; and that so much may be signified to the Advocate.

Sir, I pray excuse my not attendance upon you. I feared 'to' miss the House a day, where it's very necessary for me to be. I hope your Excellency will be at the Head-quarter to-morrow, where, if God be pleased, I shall wait upon you.

I rest,
Your Excellency's most humble servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.