'For the Honourable William Lenthall, speaker of the House of Commons: These.'

'Hampton Court, Twelve at night, 11th November, 1647.'

'SIR,'

The manner is variously reported; and we will say little of it at present, but That his Majesty was expected at supper, when the Commissioners and Colonel Whalley missed him; upon which they entered the Room:-they found his Majesty had left his cloak behind him in the Gallery in the Private Way. He passed by the backstairs and vault towards the Water-side.

He left some Letters upon the table in his withdrawing-room, of his own handwriting; whereof one was to the Commissioners of Parliament attending him, to be communicated to both Houses, 'and is here enclosed.'

'OLIVER CROMWELL.'