

'Ely,' 10th January, 1643.

MR. HITCH,

Lest the Soldiers should in any tumultuary or disorderly way attempt the reformation of the Cathedral Church, I require you to forbear altogether your Choir-service, so unedifying and offensive:-and this as you shall answer it, if any disorder should arise thereupon.

I advise you to catechise, and read and expound the Scripture to the people; not doubting but the Parliament, with the advise of the Assembly of Divines, will direct you farther. I desire your Sermons 'too,' where usually they have been,-but more frequent

Your loving friend,  
OLIVER CROMWELL.