

For my noble Friend, Thomas St. Nicholas Esq,: 'These, at London.'

Knottingley, 25th November, 1648.

SIR,

I suppose it's not unknown to you how much the Country is in arrear to the Garrison of Hull;-as likewise how probable it is that the Garrison will break, unless some speedy course be taken to get them money; the soldiers at the present being ready to mutiny, as not having money to buy them bread; and without money the stubborn Townspeople will not trust them for the worth of a penny.

Sir, I must beg of you that, as you tender the good of the Country, so far as the security of that Garrison is motioned, you would give your assistance to the helping of them to their money which the Country owes them. The Governor will apply himself to you, either in person or by letter. I pray you do for him herein as in a business of a very high consequence. I am the more earnest with you, as having a very deep sense how dangerous the event may be, of their being neglected in the matter of their pay. I rest upon your favour herein;-and subscribe myself,

Sir,

Your very humble servant,
OLIVER CROMWELL.