

For my worthy Friend, Richard Mayor, Esquire, at Hursley: These.

'London,' 25th March, 1649.

SIR,

You will pardon the brevity of these lines; the haste I am in, by reason of business, occasions it. To testify the earnest desire I have to see a happy period to this Treaty between us, I give you to understand.

That I agree to 150l. per annum out of the 300l. per annum of my old land for your Daughter's jointure, and the other 150l. where you please. 'Also' 400l. for present maintenance where you shall choose; either in Hantshire, Gloucester- or Monmouth-shire. Those lands 'to be' settled upon my Son and his heirs male by your Daughter; and in case of daughters, only 2,000l. apiece to be charged upon those lands.

'On the other hand,' 400l. per annum free to raise portions for my two Daughters. I expect the Manor of Hursley to be settled upon your Daughter and her heirs, the heirs of her body. Your Lady a jointure of 150l. per annum out of it. For compensation to your younger Daughter, I agree to leave it in your power, after your decease, to charge it with as much as will buy in the Lease of the Farm at Allington by a just computation. I expect, so long as they 'the young couple' live with you, their diet, as you expressed; or in case of voluntary parting 'from you,' 150l. per annum. 'You are to give' 3,000l. in case you have a Son; to be paid in two years next following. In case your Daughter die without issue, -1,000l. within six months 'of the marriage.'

Sir, if this satisfy, I desire a speedy resolution. I should the rather desire so because of what your Kinsman can satisfy you in. The Lord bless you, and your Family, to whom I desire my affections and service may be presented. I rest,

Your humble servant,  
OLIVER CROMWELL.