

For my honoured Friend, Henry Weston, Esquire, at his House in Oakham:
These.

'Whitehall,' 16th November, 1653.

SIR, MY NOBLE FRIEND,

Your Brother Ford was lately with me acquainting me, with my presumption in moving for, and your civility in granting the Advowson of Speldhurst to one Mr. Draper, who is now incumbent there, and who, it seems, was there for three or four years before the death of the old incumbent, by virtue of a sequestration.

Sir, I had almost forgot upon what account I made thus bold with you; but now have fully recollected. I understand the person is very able and honest well approved of by most of the good Ministers there about; and much desired by the honest people who are in a Religious Association in those parts. Wherefore I now most heartily own and thank you for your favour showed Mr. Draper for my sake; beseeching the continuance of your respects to the Gentleman, -who shall be very much tied to pay you all service; and so shall, in what lieth in his power,

Your affectionate friend to serve you,
OLIVER CROMWELL.