

For General Montague, on board the Naseby, in the Downs.

Whitehall, 11th August, 1657.

SIR,

You having desired by several Letters to know our mind concerning your weighing anchor and sailing with the Fleet out of the Downs, we have thought fit to let you know, That we do very well approve thereof, and that you do cruise up and down in the Channel, in such places as you shall judge most convenient, taking care of the safety, interest, and honour of the Commonwealth.

I remain,  
Your very loving friend,  
OLIVER P.