

To my very loving Friend, Robert Barnard, Esquire: Present these.

'Huntingdon,' 17th April, 1643.

SIR,

I have received two Letters, one from my Lord of Manchester, the other from yourself; much to the same effect: I hope therefore one answer will serve them both.

Which is in short this: That we know you are disaffected to the Parliament;- and truly if the Lords, or any Friends, may take you off from a reasonable Contribution, for my part I should be glad to be commanded to any other employment. Sir, you may, if you will, "come freely into the country about your occasions." For my part, I have protected you in your absence; and shall do so to you.

This is all,-but that I am ready to serve you, and rest,

Your loving friend,
OLIVER CROMWELL.