

'For the Honourable Sir James Harrington, Knight, of the Council of State:  
These.'

'London,' 9th July, 1649.

SIR,

You see by this Enclosed, how great damage the Earl of Thomond hath sustained by these Troubles, and what straits he and his family are reduced unto by reason thereof. You see the modesty of his desires to be such as may well merit consideration. I am confident, that which he seeks is not so much for advantage of himself, as out of desire to preserve his son-in-law the Earl of Peterborough's fortune and family from ruin.

If the result of the favour of the House fall upon him, although but in this way, it's very probable it will oblige his Lordship to endeavour the peace and quiet of this Commonwealth. Which will be no disservice to the State;-perhaps of more advantage than the extremity of his Fine. Besides, your showing your readiness to do a good office herein will very much oblige,

Sir,  
Your affectionate servant,  
OLIVER CROMWELL.