

Letter from Stephen Smith, London, to Sir Hugh Smith, Ashton, 1622 June 3: autograph manuscript signed. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS X.c.49 (5), Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Noble Sir

I congratulate your safe return. Mr.

Bettie tells me he hath provided an excellent pair of garters for you. I have bespoke your boot-hose but cannot be assured of them till the week's end.

Sir Thomas Terringham will be careful to get you a chapman for your horses: and if he might but know who it is that seeks so much command over you, at your Musters, he would try his power with my Lord Chamberlain to free you, of that service. The lieutenants (he tells me) you need not care for. the horse belong to the Captain only.

He desires a word or two in writing of this you desire, and against whom you desire it. If the Captain of the horse be your enemy he knows not which way to free you from his power: but, for the lieutenants, he we will undertake it. I must crave leave to style myself

Your humblest
servant

Stephen Smith
London June .3.
1622.

To my noble friend Sir
Hugh Smith Knight at
Ashton

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