

**Letter from Stephen Smith, London, to Sir Hugh Smith, Ashton, 1622 June 3:  
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Noble S<sup>r</sup>

I congratulate your safe returne. M<sup>r</sup>.

Bettie tells me he hath provided an excellent paire of  
garters for you. I haue bespoke your boothose  
but cannot be assur'd of them till the weeke's end.

S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Terringham will be carefull to  
get you a chapman for your horses: and if he  
might but knowe who it is that seekes soe much  
comāund over you, at your Musters, he wold trie his  
power with my Lo: Chamberlaine to free you, of that  
service. The liuetenants (he tells me) you neede  
not care for. the horse belong to the Captaine only.  
He desires a word or two in writing of this you desire,  
and against whom you desire it. If the Captaine  
of the horse be your enemie he knowes not w<sup>ch</sup> way  
to free you from his power: but, for the liuetenants,  
he wee will vndertake it. I must craue leaue to  
stile my selfe

Your humblest ser-  
vant

Ste: Smithe

Lond. Iune .3.

1622.

To my noble friend S:<sup>r</sup>

Hughe Smithe K:<sup>nt</sup> at

Ashton

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