

**Letter from Stephen Smith, London, to Sir Hugh Smith, Ashton, 1622 June 3:
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Noble S^r

I congratulate your safe returne. M^r.

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^r 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^{ch} 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:^r

Hughe Smithe K:^{nt} at

Ashton

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