

**Letter from Stephen Smith, London, to Sir Hugh Smith, Ashton, 1622 June 3:
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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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