

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

I congratulate your safe returne. Mr.

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.

Sir 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  
commaund over you, at your Musters, he wold trie his  
power with my Lord 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 *which* 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

Stephen Smithe

London Iune .3.

1622.

To my noble friend Sir  
Hughe Smithe *Knight* at  
Ashton

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