Sir *Thomas Fairfax's*

LETTER

To the Honorable,
William Lenthall Esq; Speaker of
the House of COMMONS;

OF

All the Particulars concerning the taking of

BRIDGEWATER.

Together with

A List of the Persons of quality,
and Prisoners taken in the Fight
and Town.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Letter be forthwith printed and published:

H: Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for *Edw. Husband*, Printer to the Honorable House of Commons, July 28. 1645.

To the Honourable VVilliam Lenthall *Esquire, Speaker of the Houſe of Commons.*

Mr. Speaker,

I Dipatched hence Letters yeſterday to the Committee of both Kingdoms, which gave ſome accompt of Gods Bleſſing upon our endeavours, in the Storm of *Bridgewater*: On *Monday* morning laſt, we gained that part of the Town which lyes on this ſide the River, and therein above 600. priſoners, divers Officers of quality, and two peece of Ordinance: The Enemy fired that part of the Town, wherein we were immediatly after our entrance, which continuing all that day, and the next night, burned down all the houſes, except two or three; Yeſterday, perceiving an obſtinate reſolution in the Enemy not to yield the Town, I was forced to uſe thoſe extreamities for the Reducing of it, which brought them immediatly to a Parley, and in ſhort to yield the Town, upon no other terms then bare Quarter: We entred the Town this day, finding great ſtore of Armes and Ammunition, thirty eight peece of Ordnance, above one thouſand Priſoners, and amongſt them, divers perſons of great quality, as you will perceive by the Liſt incloſed. I have not much time to ſpend here, and therefore did immedi-

atly disposse the Command of it for the present, to Col: *Birche*, as Governour, wherein I doubt not of your Approbation: And I believe the Commissioners of the Army will offer something further concerning him, for the future settlement of the place: He is a Gentleman of known worth and integrity, and his Regiment at present with Major Generall *Massey*, and I believe, will with Gods blessing, give you a good account of it: There was found in the Town, a Commission from Prince *Charles*, to one *Philips* a Gentleman of this County, to raise a Regiment of Clubmen (which I have sent by Mr. *Peters*.) I am very desirous to give some encouragement to the Army for their many services, and especially for their honest and sober demeanour this day towards the Prisoners and Town, in refraining that violence and injury, which hath oftentimes brought dishonour upon most of the Armies in this Kingdom, which may be an encouragement to them in the like for the future: I make no doubt but you will be well satisfied in what I shall do, and I assure you, it shall be with as little burthen to the State as may be: I beseech you, Sir, take into your consideration the necessities of the Army for a speedy supply of money, cloathes, aud other Provisions, wherewith this Bearer Master *Peters* will more particular'y acquaint you: who can likewise informe you more largly in all particulars of this late Action, then I can now write, I remain

July 23. 1645. eight at night.

Your most Humble Servant

THO: FAIRFAX.

A List of the Prisoners and Persons taten at the Storming of Bridgewater *by Sir* Tho: Fairfax.

Hostages for the delivering up the Town, { *Sir* Iohn Heal, *Sir* Hugh Windham, *Master* Waldron, *Master* War, *Master* Speake, *Major* Sydenham. } Tho: Elliot, *Agent*.

AND

Coll. Winham, *Governor*.
Coll. Robert Phillips.
Colonell Dyer, of Horse.
Col. Chester.

Lieut. Colonell Cooper.
Lieut. Colonell Overton.
Lieut.Col. Pitman
Lieut.Col. Miller.
Lieut.Col. Moon.

Major Sydenham.
Major Buskin.

Captains,

Capt. Atkin.
Winter.
Fou'ks.
Tilsdey.
Boyse.
Vine.
Clapton.
Harvey.
Read.
Bessey.
Culam.
Clarke.
Nash.
Richard Brag.
Iohn Brag.

For Horse.

Rawley.
Wyat.

Littleton.
Roberts.
Hilliard.
Bryan.
Iervoys.
Fry.
Pyam.
Philips.
Consull.
Pitman.
Dyamond.

Lieutenants,

Stoughton.
Bond.
Hamond.
Caymond.
Nowell.
Martyn.
Iohnson.

Green-

Greenwood,
Kelsey,
Cowley,
Barkin,
Barnet.
Lane,
Powell,
Iohnson,
Hauham.

Cornets,
White.
Clarke.
Pet.
Haynes.
Read.
Chalk.

Ensignes.
Bissey.
Allen.
Morgan.
Wake.
Parsit.
Tuenie.
Fouke.
Sheare.
Sheapard.
Leyton,
Bincham.
Griffin.
Stamp.
Ioanes.
Bettison.

Edwards,
Huggen,
Belchar.
Nutlen.
Willis.
Highgate.

Quarter-masters,
Yokney.
Bell.
Marlow.
Fellow.
Colling-bridge.
Esmond.
Gasse.

Commissaries,
Holman.
Muston, *Senior.*
Muston, *Iunior.*
Calmer.
Warman.

Mordant Spring,
Engineer and his man.

Physitians,
Doctor Web.

Apothecary,
Tho: Clergy.

Chirurgions,
Henry Dyer.

Dodsworth,
Gerrard, *Chirurgion to Prince* Rupert, *and his Mate.*
Lashoosey,
a Frenchman.

Priests,
Doctor Rawley *Dean of* Wells.
Lacy *Priest to Prince* Rupert.
Greenfield.
Capt. Duton, *a Dean.*
Brag.
Fane.
Stockman.
Butler.
Glover.
Sydenham.
Holmes.
Powell, *and others.*

Gentlemen,
Sir Ed w. Savage.
Master Mallet.
Master Walrond.
Coningsby.
Sydenham.
Phil: Sydenham.
Wil: Sydenham.
Read.

Geo: Rawleigh.
Hen: Rawleigh.
Clergy.
Ketney.
Read.
Tho: Hopkins.
Brinsby,
Greenwood.
Web.
Sterney.

Steyman.
Smith.
Andrews.
Knight.
Nich. Hollis.
Hall.
Prat.
Collier.
Edwards.
Boniface *a french man.*

Seaman.
Sandford.
Rayman.
Bruinsweed.
Dower.
Marston.
Hopkins.
Foster.
Francis.

Other Officers too many to name, and there were about 1500. souldiers, besides 700. this day taken.

Sir *John Digby* died in the Town two dayes before the storme; Sir *William Courtney* shot in both thighs, and conveyed out; women and children went forth the Town: Sir *Arthur Ashton* taken at Sea, the Colours are gathering up, though most burnt.

Ammunition, forty two pieces of Ordnance, thirty Barrels of Powder, great store of Musquets, &c.

Iulii 26. 1645.

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