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A Letter written to an Honorable MEMBER of the House of COMMONS.

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He jealousies that are against certain Members of the *Parliament* concerning their taitling in their places and Truitt, give us sensible occasion (as to call to minde the severall happinesse which we of this Corporation have received in your part of representation of us so for your further encouragement in well doing) to expresse your thankfulness for the same as to God, so to your self. Sir, We do thankfully acknowledge, that for more then eight yeers past as you were freely chosen by us; so you have freely and cheerfully all this time taken this charge upon you of serving your Countrey as one of the Burgesses of this Burrough. To which place, we had the more reason to make choice of you, molt of us having plentifull experience of your fincesse in sundrie respects, and of your fidelitie manifested in former Parliaments, in which we found your readie willingness not onely to be active for pubick good, but to suffer also with cheerfulness in the publick cause of the Common-wealth. Sundrie of us well know, and thankfully remember your carriage against the Loan money, and other projects tending to publick detriment, though much to your particular hazard in bearing witness against them. And as for this present *Parliament*, which hath past the greatest hazards, trials and oppositions of any (for maintenance whereof (as we of this Town have from the first all along to this day been ingaged with them against the common Enemy) so you in particular have alwayes countenanced and encouraged us therein, as well in your personall as other assistance in the same common cause. As for your carriage in this *Parliament*, though we could not be spectators, eye and care witnesses thereof, yet we have not been wanting to be inquisitive after the same. The result of which Inquisition ever rendred you to us a diligent attendent as of the House, so of the particular Committees, and one that ever closed with that party of the Houie that most endeavoured Reformation of things amisse both in Church and Com-mon-wealth.

And as to such particular occasions as thi Corporation hath had in this *Parliament*, both for our Church and our Garrison, we thank you for it; your endeavours have been molt readily extended to the utmost on our behalfe. And for your carriage in the Countrey at such times as you have had liberty to come amongst us, we thankfully acknowledge that in order to the weal pubick, both as a Justice of the Peace, and as a Commissioner of the *Parliament*, you have been very active in discountenancing persons ill-affacted, or any wayes obstructing or impeding the publick Service of the *Parliament*; and encouraging and advancing the payment of taxes, and execution of the Ordinances of the Parliament. We well remember your seizing, and sending to the Parliament the high Sheriffe that was of this County, and your proceedings against other potent Enemies of this County. And to this day we have observed your adhering to the first principals, as well by expressing the like activity for the Parliaments occasions here in the Countrey, as by your Letters which some of us have seen, as also by your rejoycing at the successes of the Parliaments Army under his Excellency the Lord *Fairfax*, and your bewailings of the sad condition of the Kingdom upon the *Scots* Invasion this Sommer; of which also some of us are witnesses. And surely your own advantage to your particular estate hath not been an Incentive to all this; for as for recompence from us You were nobly pleased to wayve it and serve us freely: so we beleve that you have as freely at your own charge served the Common-wealth; For we well observe and undertand that in this time of your long absence, your Estate here is considerably impaired, which though you lightly esteeme, being it is for the service of the publick, yet we have reason to acknowledge it with thankfulness. Sir, We write not thus to flatter you, or to make way for any designe of putting you to any increase of service in our own particulars, but in way of testifying our hearty thankfulness unto you, and to incourage in that further publick Service which your place and trust calls for from you. And so with our very loving remembrance to your Self, and your Honorable Lady, we rest: *Boston, Linc.*

Sir, Your very loving friends to serve you,

<i>John Hobson.</i>	<i>Disertion Cosen.</i>	<i>John Letsham.</i>	<i>Regina'd Hill, Mayor.</i>
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			<i>Edward Adlard</i>

Alderman

For our much honoured Friend, Sir Anthony Irby Knight, these present.

Vera Copia.