

LETTER

The Inhabitants of Berwick

to General George Monck (1608–1670), Governor of Scotland (1653–1659)

Berwick, 2 November 1659

Having very lately an opportunity to peruse a printed letter dated 27 October from Your Lordship and the officers under your command to the officers at Whitehall, wherein you earnestly desire that there may be an invitement made to the Members of Parliament to return to the discharge of their duties in freedom and liberty, and likewise you promise your utmost endeavours to regain a good understanding betwixt the Parliament and the officers of the army at Whitehall, we could no less than acknowledge to Your Honours that we think both ourselves and all that are well willers to the Commonwealth of Israel to be deeply engaged to Your Lordship for making proffer of such an expedient of peace which, if it shall please the Lord to own with His blessing, will make many a good heart rejoice that now sits down in ashes, waiting what sad dispensations the Lord has in store for us. By serious pondering that letter of yours, we were stirred up to write another to Whitehall, a copy whereof we have enclosed for your perusal.

What the issue of affairs will be, we are unworthy to know; but laying down our all at the feet of the Lord, the making use of such means we apprehended to be the duty of Your Lordship's humble servants.

Christopher Orde	Elias Prott	Mark Scott	Clement Armour
William Webb	John Foreside	Henry Edmeston	Thomas Trimble
John Ingram	Roger Weddell	Nickolas Lawe	Robert Trumble, Major
Leslie Forsyde	John Sleigh	Richard Winloe	Andrew Chrispe
John Forster	Thomas Watsone	John Crawforth	Ralph Salkeld
Thomas Dickenson	Thomas Lindsley	Step. Jackson	

RESPONSE

General George Monck (1608–1670), Governor of Scotland (1653–1659)

to The Inhabitants of Berwick

3 November 1659

I have perused yours of the 2^d instant, with the copy of that you sent to my Lord Fleetwood, and I kindly thank you for your civil respects to me in them. I praise the Lord I can say with comfort I have not sought myself in anything I ever acted, and shall humbly submit the issue of my undertakings (as I ought) to the Lord's disposure. I know the divisions of the army's will but strengthen the hands of the common enemies of our peace, and therefore I hope God will not leave us to our own corrupt wills and the effect of theirs, but interpose with a spirit of healing in His wings and own His own cause where He shall find it righteously asserted and prosecuted, as it is upon our hearts to do, and we desire the prayers of you and all the people of God to assist us in it.