



SIR,



That I may give you and others satisfaction touching the siege of *Banbury*-castle, I must tell you that though we have for about a months space straytned their quarters, and hindred their forcing the Tax on the Countrey; which grew so heavy a pressure, that they had forborn the payment for divers weeks in many Towns, though threatned to be plundered of all for their neglect. This Castle is of more concernement to *Oxford* then any other, for besides the provisions of victuals by droves of Sheep and beast weekly, it is upon good ground aver'd that for a long time this Garrison hath payd 18000 *per* weeke to *Oxford*, divers Towns being taxed to more then the yeerely revenue of them; so that the taking of this Den of Theeves would much conduce to the straitning of *Oxon.* and give liberty of Trade to *London* from many parts.

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