

these things, but for your Majesty's commandment, others can say more than I, and partly there is orders already set down.

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Now for your person, being the most dainty and sacred thing we have in this world to care for, much more for advice to be given for the direction of it, a man must tremble when he thinks of it; specially finding your Majesty to have that princely courage, to transport yourself to the utmost confines of your realm, to meet your enemies and to defend your subjects. I cannot, most dear Queen, consent to that; for upon your well doing consists all the safety of your whole kingdom; and therefore preserve that above all. Yet will I not that, in some sort, so princely and so rare a magnanimity should not appear to your people and the world as it is. And thus far, if it please your Majesty, you may do, to draw yourself to your house at Havering; and your army being about London, at Stratford, East Ham, and the villages thereabout, shall be always not only a defence, but a ready supply to these counties, Essex and Kent, if need be. And in the mean time, your Majesty, to comfort this army, and people of both counties, may, if it please you, spend two or three days to see both the camp and the forts. It is not above fourteen miles at most from Havering, and a very convenient place for your Majesty to lie by the way, and so rest you at the camp. I trust you will be pleased with your * Lieutenant's cabbin; and within a mile there is a gentleman's house, where your Majesty may also be. You shall comfort not only these thousands, but many more that shall hear of it. And thus far, but no farther, can I consent to adventure your person. And by the grace of God, there can be no danger in this, though the enemy should pass by your fleet. But your Majesty may without dishonour return to your own forts being but at hand; and you may have two thousand horse, well to be lodged at Rumford and other villages near Havering; and your footmen to lodge near London.

* The Earl himself.

Lastly,