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Lieutenant Colonel Owen:
I have taken notice of the Interest you have
in the custody and Government of the Castle
of Harleigh in the County of Devon
and of the Employment of Captain
John Morgaul in that Command, and so
I shall be ready to confirm you
Interest by my Commission, you shall require
and to declare my allowance
Morgaul, and his wife
Garrison that shall be
God as the Charge of
not be benefitt of it
I am
The 16th of
1644



Die Lunæ 26 Sept, 1647

BE it Ordained by the Lōrds and Commons
in this present Parliament assembled, That
all and every the Members of either House
shall forthwith pay unto the severall and re-
spective Receivers, all such sum and sums
they as they owe, and are indebted for
other Rents, or debts, any way due
to the Queene, or Prince, and in default
the Committee for the Revenue is to take care,
to be leavyed according to the directions
of the Parliament, for the due and orderly
paying of the Kings, Queenes, and Princes
dues thereof, dated the 21 day of Sep-
tember last, for such Rents and Monies as
the Members aforesaid, for those Lands
and Tenements respectively as by the Kings, or any other



Good Cozen the cause of my writing you at this
time is to desire you to help me with
that litle money that I have with you
I have occasion to use them for I have bought
A bargaine unknowne to m^r Bayley and I am
to paye a greatdeall of money upon Tuesday next
I shall desire you to lend me xx pound with my
more till more next and if you have neede of
I will help you with

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