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Oliver Cromwell (April 25, 1599 – September 3, 1658) was an English military leader and politician. After leading the overthrow of the British monarchy, he ruled England, Scotland, and Ireland as Lord Protector, from December 16, 1653 until his death, which is believed to have been by either malaria or poisoning. After his burial he was exhumed and hanged, drawn and quartered, which was the traditional punishment for treason in England.

Subtlety may deceive you; integrity never will.

- Cromwell, Oliver

No man rises so high as he knows not whither he goes.

- Cromwell, Oliver

What is all our histories, but God showing himself, shaking and trampling on everything that he has not planted.

- Cromwell, Oliver

A few honest men are better than numbers.

- Cromwell, Oliver

Do not trust to the cheering, for those persons would shout as much if you and I were going to be hanged.

- Cromwell, Oliver

I had rather have a plain, russet-coated Captain, that knows what he fights for, and loves what he knows, than that which you call a Gentle-man and is nothing else.

- Cromwell, Oliver

I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ, think it possible you may be mistaken.

- Cromwell, Oliver

Necessity has no law.

- Cromwell, Oliver

Make the iron hot by striking it.

- Cromwell, Oliver

You have sat too long for any good you have been doing. Depart, I say, and let us have done with you. In the name of God, go!

- Cromwell, Oliver

Mr. Lely, I desire you would use all your skill to paint my picture truly like me, and not flatter me at all; but remark all these roughnesses, pimples, warts, and everything as you

see me, otherwise I will never pay a farthing for it.

- Cromwell, Oliver

The State, in choosing men to serve it, takes no notice of their opinions. If they be willing faithfully to serve it, that satisfies.

- Cromwell, Oliver

He who stops being better stops being good.

- Cromwell, Oliver

Put your trust in God and keep your powder dry.

- Cromwell, Oliver

He [Oliver Cromwell] in a furious manner, bid the Speaker leave his chair; told the house That they had sat long enough, unless they had done more good; and that it was not fit they should sit as a parliament any longer, and desired them to go away.

- Cromwell, Oliver



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