

**PRO SP 63/115/15**

*John Norris to Burghley, 7 March 1584/5*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the right Honora-  
ble my very good Lord  
{the} Lord Burghley  
{Lord hi}gh Threasurer  
{of E}ngland ./ \*

7<sup>o</sup> Martij. 1584.  
Mr Iohn Norris.  
Mr Lambert ./

**Text**

Right Honorable & my very good Lord with the rest  
which doe write in the favour of this gentleman Mr Lam  
bert, I should doe him great wrong, yf I should  
not in like sort deliuer vnto your Lordship my knowledg  
of his good desert, seing that he was vnder myne owne  
leading at what tyme I was directed by my Lord  
Deputie in his late Northerne iourney, with some  
bandes to compasse the enemy on the further  
side, in the which by very hard hap, he chaunced  
to fall into their handes, who spoiling & sore  
wounding him, lefte him onely life, which since  
by meanes of his great hurtes hath bene very  
hardly preserved. In all which perill his carriage  
neuerthelesse was so manly & well seeming,  
as besides deserte of great commendation, yt  
may Challenge rightfully some pitifull consid-  
eration & regard to bee vsed towardes him for  
his relief & maintenaunce, being through his  
maymes vtterly dishabled from helping him self{.}  
In respect whereof I beseech your Lordship to yield  
him your favorable furtheraunce for the obtey-  
ning thereof from her Maiesty both to the relief  
of his extremitie, & to the encoraging of\* all Ser-  
uitoures by ensample thereof to putt them selues  
more willingly into daungeres. And euen so  
leaving him to your Lordships good consideracion; I committ

you to **the** proteccion of **the** Almighty. Dublin.  
the vij<sup>th</sup> of March. 1584. /

Your Lordships euer assured at Command{,}

John Norreys

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**Note on hands**

The address and main text of the letter, including the subscription, are written in Spenser's usual secretary hand. Norris has added his autograph signature. The endorsement is in an unfamiliar italic, probably added after receipt of the letter in London.

\* *Address {the} Lord Burghley {Lord hi}gh Treasurer {of E}ngland ./*] part of the address has been obscured by removal of the bands originally used to seal the letter, but the intention is obvious from context, and from similar letters.

\* **23 of]** 'of' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

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