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John Norris to Walsingham, 7 March 1584/5

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable Sir Fraunces
Walsingham Knight
{Chie}f Secretary
{to h}er Maiesty ./*

.7. March: 1584
Mr Iohn Norris.
Commendeth Mr Lambert hurt in hir Maiesties
seruice vnder him agaynst the Skottes.

Text

Sir, in the late Northerne iourney which my Lord
Deputie made into Clandeboy, yt fortuneth this
gentleman Mr Lambert to bee vnder my leading, at
what tyme I had direccion with certein bandes to
circumvent the enemy on the further side; in the
which by very hard hap he Chaunced to light into
the handes of this* enemy, & notwithstanding his bold
& valiaunt Carriage euen in the present daunger
he was so sorely wounded, that besides the losse of
some lymmes he hardly was saved with life /. Where-
fore in regard of his pitifull estate, being now
vtterly Cast away, & the better part of his dayes
ouerthrowen, vnlesse her Maiesty haue gracious com-
passion on him, I cannott butt Commend him to your
Honours good favour & furtheraunce, beseeching you
to bee a meanes with the rest of my Lords there, that
some such good consideracion may bee had of him
as may recompence his so great losse, & encorage
otheres that continue in like services, to deserve so
well as he hath donne. And so I Committ your Honour
to the gouernement of the Highest. Dublin, the
vijth of March. 1584 ./

Your Honours euer assured to Commaund,

Iohn Norreys

Note on hands

The address and the main text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. Norris has added his autograph signature. The endorsement, in a distinct italic, was probably added upon entry of the letter for filing in London.

* *Address {Chie}f Secretary {to h}er Maiesty ./* part of the address has been obscured by removal of the bands originally used to seal the letter. The reading, however, is obvious from context and from the addresses of other similar letters.

* 7 **this•**] illegible single-character deletion.

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