

Endorsement

Baron Dunganon
To the Lord Deputie.
Vltimo Augusti

Text

The copie of the Baron of Dunganons lettre

Right honorable. Tirlagh Lennagh is repayering to these
bordres with a great army of men who pretendeth to invade
the pale, as I am credibly given to vnderstand by my secrete
frendes about him, notwithstanding his promise of peace lately
made to your Lordship which this his euill pretence I have sundry tymes
revealed to her Maiesties Counsell in England & in Ireland
all this yeare past & forasmuch as he is presently to reparaire
for executing his pretended mischief that yt would please
your honour to send downe hether some such force for the
defence of the pale & vs her Maiesties subiectes as your Lordship may well
spare. for yf now vpon the first you shall give him hend
he will grow so prowde thereof as you will have more
adoe with him then with all the rest her Maiesties enemies in Ireland
which now you may prevent & have what peace you will at
his handes yf you seeme at the first to withstand him which a
smaller force will now doe then hereafter. And forasmuch as
my grandfather my father & my brother hath both bestowed
their goodes & lives in her Maiesties service And also I my self
hath ventered the same euer sence I was hable to beare sword
and so will contynue by godes grace during my life And
also vnderstanding from her Maiesties Counsell in England
by lettre ready to be shoven by this Bearer my servaunt
her gracious pleasure that I should* have some such enterteynement
for the better mayntenance of my self my kinsmen & follo
weres (now ready for want thereof to depart from mee)
as your Lordship & my Lord Chauncellour shall thinck meete for mee
I have thought yt good most humbly to crave the same
now in my great extremitie having already at my
late Lord Iustice handes xxv horsemen in pay doe
beseeche them to be made vppe to some such company

as thereby I may be able to doe **the** better service.
And yf your **Lordship** shall fynd that there may be any good* ordre
taken with Tirlagh Lennagh **that** you may stand assured
of him, then will I not onely with **that** force I have in
her **Maiesties** pay but all other forces **that** I am hable to
make as skottes shott and galloglasses to repaire to
your **Lordship** and serve vpon **the** rest her **Maiesties** enemies
there both dutifully and truly **which** hath killed of late

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some of my **frendes** whose deathes I would
gladly revenge Thus not omitting my
duety &c Bally Scanlin
The Last of August 1580

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To the right honorable
my very good **Lord** the
Lord Deputie of Ireland. /

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Note on hands

The text of the letter, including the original endorsement at the foot of the second page, is largely in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, here fairly rushed; the only exception comes in the words 'Baron of Dungannons' in the header, which are in Spenser's italic. The second line of the endorsement, 'To the L Deputie', written in Spenser's compact secretary hand, is the original endorsement. The first and third lines were added in a later italic hand, presumably when the letter was being filed in Westminster.

* **24 should]** inserted above the line with a caret mark.

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