

**Endorsements**

Baron of Dunganon

To the Lord Deputie

3 September

**Text**

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The Baron of Dunganons  
lettre./

Right honorable my humble duetie remembred. I have  
thought good to signifie vnto your Lordship how that Oneile  
is come vnto the black water & myndeth to send for  
me to come vnto him; Whither he wilbe at peace  
or not I knowe not, neuerthelesse though he were  
at peace, he hath vtterly vndone me by reason that  
my brother Art Oneil Mac Donel & O hanlon  
are gone vnto him with the most part of my creates  
and the rest that are left I have sent to the mountaines  
of Mellestant from thence, being ready to goe vnto  
Slowe breg, as sone as I doe send them word, yf oneile  
doe not pray them in the meane tyme: so as there is  
none to gather any part of the harvest in my County  
I doe remayne my self in the woodes of Macher Logh  
coo having not past xx men left with me & knowing  
not what to doe: beseeching your honour most earnestly  
to send me ayd of men presently: otherwise that your Lordship  
will license me to provide for my self, which god willing  
I will doe after such a sort as your Lordship will not wish  
of: yf yt were for me but to fly to some other  
country. I have this twelue moneth past revealed  
vnto the Councell divers tymes how that Oneil would  
grow vnto this end at length & all this while could  
have no aide of them Notwithstanding though all  
the Irishrie in Ireland doe rebell your honour shalle\*  
alwaies assured of me yf I have but myne owne  
person onely So I most humbly &c  
third September 1580

To the Lord Deputie ./

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**Note on hands**

This letter, including the visible part of the header (a copy of the original's endorsement), is written in Spenser's secretary hand, here fluent and comparative untidy. The endorsements take the form familiar from other documents of this group of early copies in Spenser's hand: the first and third lines are in a mixed hand, probably Spenser's, and the second line is in a somewhat spidery secretary hand.

\* **28 shalle]** given the unusual spelling, the haste of the copying job, and the obviously ungrammatical prose, it seems likely that this is Spenser's error for 'shalbe'.

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