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*Grey to Walsingham, 30 November 1580*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the Honorable  
my very Loving  
Frend **Sir Fraunces**  
Walsingham Knight  
Chief Secretary  
to her **Maiesty./**

30 Nouember 1580  
From **the lord** Gray.  
why he can not plea  
sure **mr kirton with** the  
charge of a band

**Text**

**Sir** I am very sory that I cannot according to  
**your** request pleasure this Gentleman **Mr Kirton**  
in whose behalf you have wrytten vnto me con-  
sidering that before his coming the Charge of the  
former **bandes** were already distributed, and these **which** 5  
are newly come ouer are appointed to their leaderes  
by my **Lords** there; so as I can nether pleasure any  
**which** shall make request vnto mee, nor yett thereby  
reward such whose service hath well deserved yt  
Onely there remayne twoo **bandes without** Capteins 10  
for **the which** notwithstanding I have passed my promise  
already to otheres. So desyring for **the** present to  
be held excused, being in **the** rest euery way most  
ready to gratefy you, **with** my harty Commendations  
I betake you to God. Clonmeill **the** last November 15  
1580

Yowres euer wholly,  
**Arthur** Grey

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**Note on hands**

The text of the letter and the address are written in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand; the subscription and signature are Grey's. The endorsement, added upon receipt and filing of the letter in London, is in two hands: part mixed italic (first two lines) and part cramped secretary (last three lines).

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