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Grey to Walsingham, 7 April 1581

Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my very good
frend [Sir fraunces](#)
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary
to her Maiestie. /

7 Aprill 1581
From [the Lord](#) Deputy.

Text

My [lettre](#) too 10* I [••••](#)* haue sent heere enclosed not knowyng whow
shallbee called too [the consultation, in deliuery](#)
[therefore therof](#),* vse [yowr](#) owane discretion. /

In case* it [••](#)* bee too bee deliuered lett [the](#)
bearar haue the* deliuerie of it I praye yow.

Euer yowres,
[Arthur Grey](#)

Note on hands

The brief text of this letter is in Grey's characteristic italic hand, including some words in code. The address is in Spenser's usual secretary, and the endowment – presumably added later, when the letter was filed in London – in a distinct italic.

* **1 10]** Unknown cipher.

* **1 •••]** 'haue' deleted.

* **3 consultation...therof]** The words 'consultation' and 'in deliuary therof therof' in code; the recipient, presumably Walsingham, has transliterated the code above the line, character for character. (Two symbols of the code, in 'consultation' and 'therfore', have been deleted, probably by Grey; the word 'in' has not been transliterated; and the transliterator has written 'trof' above the symbols for 'throf', which we have expanded to 'therof'.)

* **4 case]** 'case' inserted above the line, with caret mark.

* **4 ••]** 'ca' deleted.

* **5 the]** 'the' inserted above the line, with caret mark.

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