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Grey to Walsingham, 6 April 1581

Endorsements

To the Honorable
my very Loving frend
Sir Fraunces Walsingham
Knight Chief Secre-
tarie to her Maiestie

6 Aprill. 1581
From the Lord Gray.

Text

Sir, vppon aduyce taken with the choyce of my companions in counsell heere & adding vntoo them certayne of her Maiesties learned counsell best too bee trusted, wee fynde two extremities too ryze in the ordinarie proceeding too tryall of the late endyghted prysoners heere, too goe on wherin the late letters from my Lords there & her Maiestie directed mee. The one is the generall linck of kinred & alliance. the whoale sheere, whence these tryalls must bee retourned, hathe with the parties too bee tryed, & beesydes hardly acquyted of faouore too the cause of theyr offence, what sounde verditt maye bee then hooped of at sutche Iuries waye yowr sellf; a lawe or custome lykewyze is heere that euerie one is allowed xxxv challendgies, which makes, that if vpryghtnes myght bee looked for, I see not, as the tyme serues, how

Twoe extremities in procedynges agaynst the prisoners
.1.
Alliance between the prisoners & Iours.

.35. chalenges. .2.
Fraudulent conueyghances

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Mr Dillon a man
trustie &c. whome
he employeth
therfore in this
iorney & cawse.

A parlament the
only healpe of those
extremities.

which shall be so heald
as no preiudice of
this tyme shall
therby grow to other
seruice.

lettres to hir Maiestie &
my Lords for this
parlament

mr Secretary

twoe to be crea

the number for the gwestes woold bee supplied: The oother is, that admitting
theyr casting & condemnation, her Maiesties ryght & benefitt by theyr* goods,
landes & possessions, is cleane wyped away by deedes of guyft &
oother conueyancies, as this beaer Iustice Dillon more particularly
shall enfourme yow, whowse aduyce hathe not alyttle auayled in this
cause, & for his trust, endeuoure & lernyng I haue now made choyce
of hym for the followyng of this buzines, lett hym therfore I
praye yow haue yowr fauorable * hearyng, furtherance & count=
nance. Well Sir, for these inconueniencies no healp that wee can
see but onely a parlament, which if, vppon my sundrie former letters
had bee harkenend vntoo, the matter ere this tyme had been in good
dispathe too her Maiesties greate proffitt, no less honor, & more
terror too these & all oother the lyke deseruers; & therfore lett
it now bee well considered, & harkned vntoo, •••••* for els
the contraries of these wyll assuredly fall owte. Lett not
the obiection of the vnfitness of the tyme stagger the assentyng too it,
for, God wyll, it shall bee ••* so dealt in as no preiudice too
oother seruice shall growe by it, neyther shall the vnquyetnes any
whytt empeatche yowr repayre of the best & dutiefullst sorte •* that in former
tymes the assemblie hathe moast stode on. I haue allso wrytten
now abowte this same too her Maiestie, & too my Lords a generall letter from
the •••* table heere, which, if yow shall not thynck amiss, I could wysshe 60*
first acquaynted with, that sum choyce of yee myght bee made
too, consider of it beecause you arre nott all one
mans chyldren.* Remember I praye yow the ••••* callyng of those too bee

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Lords that in my former I wrytte for: it wyll bee moast requysite

ted Barons
A note of the Lords
spirituall & temporall

Request
for three to be
Bushops.

Sir William Stanley
& Mr Russell
spoyl Feaghes
Contrie

Commendation of Capt.
Mackworth &
his seruice a=
gaynst the O.
mores.

for this action the onely weakenes & dowght* restyng in our tem=
porall lordes,* as a note heerencloazed wyll sheowe.

I Sir Nycholas Mallbie hathe commended vntoo mee *** Steeuen Kerroan
I *** bysshop*** of Kilmacdoock too bee translated to the Bysshopp^rick of
I Clomfartea* in the cuntrie of Clanriccarde, I praye yow sir gett hym
confirmed, & allso the oother twoo which by* Mr Fenton I recommended too yow. /
Sir Wylliam Standley & Captayne Russell twoo nyghtes past made a roade intoo

Coalerannell in hoape too haue *** surpryzed Phyagh Mc Hugh, but the
fourdes & passes they were too pass were so well kept as they crye roaze
beefore they could reatche hys howse, wherby hyssellf had gotten owte
& assembled his force too the number of 200 kerne & xx or 30 horss,
yet dyd hee guyue them leaue too burne hys towne & howse called
Ballinacore & kyll certayne of hys kerne & churles, withowte the loss or
hurtt of any of owres.

Captayne Mackwoorthe hathe within this moonethe space putt too swoorde &
executed very neere a hundrethe of the best of the Omoores, so as the rest
of the sept hathe putt in pledge for •* theyr peacyble & good beehauior; this
man certaynely dezerues greate estimation not onely for valure but
gouernment, enter hym therfore I praye yow into yowr Cataloge of
well deseruers. /

The oother garrisoones heere abowtes arr daylie nybbling vp theyr churles
& stragglng knaues which beeyng of no greate accounte I lyke not mootche
too aduertiss of.

I haue dispatched twoo Ientlemen too Chester & Bristowe for conducting
ouer of the 1000. men yow last wrote for the supplies.

The letters by mr Fenton now is the onely woorde that euer I hard thence of all
the packetts that I haue sent since my retourne from my last iorneye,
I praye yow sir haue vs mynde in deedes there how sieldoome so euer

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To hasten the dispatch of Mr Dilon : & to fauour him in his priuate businesse.

wee bee thought of by letters. /

So crauyng **yowr** earnest furtherance for **the** good & speedie dispatche of this bringer & lykewyze **that** yow wyll affourde hym* **yowr** good fauoure in his owane priuate rezonable buzyness, I take leaue & beeseetche **the** Allmyghtie euer too keepe direct & prosper yow. Dublin this vjth of Aprill Anno 1581. /

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The warrant* sent ouer abbridged his allowance.

Sir at **the** ending heerof Mr Treasurer came too mee & sheowed a warrant from her Maiestie for my entertaynement browght now by mr Fenton, therin I am allowed but 50 footmen, & agayne but 1500^{li} Irisshe for my

Yowres euer most assured,

Arthur Grey

diett: Yow knowe **sir** **that** I was promyzed as lardge a dyett as euer any heertofore had, I was allso promyzed 100. footmen: Vppon this & hauyng more care of **the**

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seruyce then priuate estate, I sowght not* too staye too capitulate but relying mysellf vppon **yowr** woord & care for mee came as inconsiderately for myne owane beehouff as myght bee; I praye yow therefore **Sir** see mee bettter dealt **with**, or els presently wythdrawen, for surely as hauyng that **that** I accounted of I shall farre

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cum shortt of sauynge, so in beeyng thus scantled I shall noot saue mysellf in shortt tyme from vtter vndooyng; whytche I trust is not her Maiesties wyll, moutche less **your** wysshe I knowe: but **sir** it is no small grieff too mee in **the** meane, **the** world beeyng able too testifie **with** mee & myne•••* owane conscience how farre from gayne my purpoze is* in this seruyce, **that** so small consideration

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To procure the warrant a

is had of it as enforced I am too craue my due or els by peace holding encurre a harder meazure: too conclude, I praye yow **Sir**,

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draught of which now sent.

eyther procure mee the allowance according too the warrant drawn
by Mr Waterhowse, as yowrsellf appoynted, •• •••* wherin my diett
is no more then the new establissment allowethe,* & my bandes of 100 foot. &
50. horss as was promyzed mee at my sending awaye, or els
good Sir, as beefore I sayed, procure mee my leaue, which shall bee
farre wellcoomer vntoo mee then three sutche entertaynements
the appendices considered; & her Hyghnes pleazure heerin with sutche con=
uenient speede as yow maye I beeseetche yow procure mee.

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Note on hands

The text of the letter is in Grey's usual italic hand, including several phrases in the customary code. The letter has been annotated in the left margin throughout, probably by Walsingham, and the code transliterated above the line. The address is in Spenser's characteristic secretary, the later endorsement – probably added during the filing process – in a different hand.

* **14 theyr]** The 'e' in this word has been inserted above the line with a caret mark.

* **20 •]** '&' deleted.

* **26 • ••••]** 'y^c contr' deleted.

* **29 ••]** 'no' deleted.

* **31 •]** '&' deleted.

* **34 60]** Standard numerical code for the Queen.

* **35-37 choyce of...mans chyldren]** Much of this passage, from '60' onwards, is in code ('choyce of yee myght', 'consider of it because you arre', 'all one mans children'); the recipient, presumably Walsingham, has added this transcription above the line, character for character (as usual).

* **37 •••]** 'adua' deleted.

* **39 dowght]** The 'w' in this word has been inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* **39-40 in our...lordes]** 'in our temporall lordes' is in code; the transcription printed here is that inserted, presumably by Walsingham, above the line.

* **41-42 •••]** 'one' deleted. The vertical bars to the left of this and the succeeding two lines indicate that, due to a substantial supralineal insertion, the three lines of text here represent two lines (with insertion) in the original manuscript; the lineation of these original lines has obviously not been preserved.

* **41-42 ••• •••]** 'for the' inserted above the line, and subsequently deleted.

* **41-42 ••••]** 'p^rck' deleted.

* **41-42 too bee...Clomfartea]** 'too bee translated to the Bysshopprick of Clomfartea' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* **43 by]** 'by' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* **45 ••••**] 'tak' deleted.

* **54 •**] 'y^c' deleted.

* **68 affourde hym**] 'affourde hym' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* **34 •••**] 'tak' deleted.

* **Annotation warrant**] The 'w' at the head of this word is somewhat blotted; it is not clear whether the annotator corrected a letter, rewrote the 'w', or merely blotted the opening of the word.

* **78 not**] 'not' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* **87 myne••••**] Original 'myght' altered to 'myne', with 'ne' inserted above the line with a caret mark.

* **88 is**] 'is' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* **92 •• •••**] 'or els' deleted.

* **93 allowethe,]** 'allowethe,' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

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