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Grey to Walsingham, 10 June 1581

Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable my very good frend Sir Fraunces Walsingham Knight Chief Secretary to her Maiesty.

10 Iune 1581 From the Lord Gray on the behalfe of Cap ten Cecill

Text

Sir, this gentleman the bearer hereof having served lately vnder Captein Cecill, and being presently to repaire into England hath requested my lettres of favour in his behalf; which I could not but reasonably doe, knowing him by his good service 5 here to have well deserved the same. Wherefore I desire you to affoord him such favour and furtheraunce in his reasonable causes there, as he may perceive these my lettres to have bene effectuall in his behalf; for the which I will account my self behoulding vnto you, and will rest alwaies ready to requite the same. Wexford, the xth of Iune. 1581.

Youres most assured,

Arthur Grey 15

Note on hands

The text of the letter, including the address and subscription, is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand; the signature is Grey's usual. The endorsement is the unremarkable mix of italic and secretary forms common to these letters, filed and re-filed over several years.

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