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Grey to Walsingham, 5 July 1581

Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my especiall good
frend **Sir Fraunces**
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary
to her **Maistry.** /

Iuly .5. 1581
From the **Lord** Deputy.
mr Secretary

Text

Sir, I thowght good vppon retourne now too guyue my **Lords** there
accounte of **the** rest of my iorney **the** beeginnyng wherof from
Waxforde I aduertysed; for that therefore & oother acci=
dents of this state* I wyll refer yow too that **letter**.
Beesydes **yowr** owane frendly •* admonishment,* I receaued 5
a message by Ned Denny from her **maiesties** sellf, **that** guaue mee
too vnderstande **the** opinion shee cariethe of **the** seruice doonne
heere & her dislyke for **the** same: theruppon I haue taken
occasion too wryte vntoo her, & followyng **yowr** aduyce too
so ryghtly hyttyng **with** myne owane dezyre beesydes iust 10
cause, doo ••* vrdge as boaldly, as dutie maye beare, my
callyng hoame; **the** **letters** Copie, I send yow heer**with**, earnestly
prayeng yow too hoald too mee in ••* yt, for I accounte it
the neerest cause **that** euer I haue had or maye haue too trye
freendshyp in. I haue no less earnestly wrytten too my **Lord** of 15
Leacester abowght it, whow I dowght not but* wyll ioyne **with** yow,
I perceau no seruyce wyll **with** her **maiestie** & sum oothers there*
bee reckned of vnless they myght all at attonece
in a pittfawle bee clapped vp, **which** vnless it myght
pleaze God by miracle too woorck as hee dyd by **the** Cana=
nites toowardes **the** Israelites, it passies my skylle too 20
coompass; but if equall iudgement myght looke
into it, **the** tyme & manner of cuntrie seruyce **with**all
wayed, I dowght not but **the** seruicies doonne woold
sufficiently grace **the** minister & declare **the** good fa=
uoure **that** God hathe borne hym: but lett it goe,* I seeke 25

not ••*, but **with** my freendes, too haue it better thowght
of, too hym yet wyll I bee thanckfull, & take it
withhall for no small good **that** I am thus thancklessly
requyted. Beecause I perceau 324.* too bee one of that
sect & hauyng occasion abowght mooney & vittayle too wryte
vnto hym, I haue discourced sumwhat therof & knytt it

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vp **with** request of his furtherance for my re=
mooue: I haue lykewyze wrytten to 10 by a man
of hys owane, wherin I could not forbear a
lyttle too glaunce at this pardoone, & in **the** end doo
•••* lykewyze craue hys healp for my callyng
hoame.

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I am ryght glad **that** yow arre so wyll •* ryd of **the*** fre=
ntche*, god send mee as fayre riddance of **the** Irisse.
I haue taken order for **the** staye of **the** barck Roe of
Newcastle in case shee cumme into these quarters.

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Healp ••* vs too sum mooney for gods sake for all is
now gon & owte of **the** treazurie, neyther freendshyp
nor pawne can •* gett a penny heere. /

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Lastly & agayne commending vntoo yow my coomyng
hoame, I beequethe yow too **the** Keepyng, direction,
& prossperyng of owre allmyghtie God. **Dublin**
this 5th of Iulye 1581.

Captayne Hoordes bande was so
wasted **with** sicknes as it was not
possyble too bee supplied & therf=
ore at hys owane request was
cassed, but hymself I haue

Yowrs most assured
euer,

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Arthur Grey

•••••* retayned in pencion of Captaynes paye & oother pleazure
that lyethe in mee too sheowe hee shall not want for my
Ladies sake, whowse Captayne, by Ned Denny, I perceau,
hee is. / I beeseetche yow bee faorable too owre sute in
the powre Bisshop of **Dublins** beehallf, whow ootherwyze dow=
ghtless wyll rest hard beested. /

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Note on hands

The text of the letter, including the subscription and autograph signature, is throughout in Grey's characteristic italic hand, while the address is written in Spenser's usual secretary.

- * **4 state**] 'state' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **5 •**] 'd' deleted.
- * **5 admonishment**] An extra minim appears in the second 'm' in this word.
- * **11 ••**] 'as' deleted.
- * **13 ••**] 'in' deleted.
- * **16 not but**] 'not but' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **17 there**] 'there' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **26 goe,**] 'goe,' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **27 ••**] 'to' deleted.
- * **30 324**] Unknown cipher.
- * **37 •••**] 'see' deleted.
- * **39 •**] single character blotted.
- * **39 the**] 'y^e' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **39-40 frentche**] 'frentche' in code (not transliterated; this reading supplied by comparison with instances of the same code in other letters).
- * **43 ••**] 'to' deleted.
- * **45 •**] 'a' deleted.
- * **55 ••••••**] 'repayer' deleted.

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