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Grey to Walsingham, 29 December 1581

Address and Endorsement

To my especiall good
Frend Sir Fraunces
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary to
her Maiestie. /

24 December 1581
From the Lord Deputye

Text

Sir, being by reason of contrary windes forced
to stay my former packett, so as the date thereof
may seeme somewhatt stale, notwithstanding
fynding no new occasion of Aduertizement here sithens
happened; I haue not altered the first purpose
thereof. Onely this I haue presently to wryte,
that vpon arrivall of the Threasure my self
with the rest of the Councell here being assembled
to determyne of the disposing of the same according
to your Lordships late direccion from her Maiestie we finde
the sayd direccion and restreynt so hard & impor-
tunate, as by no possibility of reason wee can
compasse the same, considering the extreme exigent
here, and the hard hand there layed vpon vs.
To which effect I haue now presently written vnto
their Lordships, signifying the great distresses in
which I am doubly tossed; which I beseeche you lyke-
wise with all earnestnes make knowen vnto them;
and what in your self shall lye, labour to ease
me of so insupportable a burden. The which
leaving vnto your frendly trust, I betake you
to the goodnes of th'Almighty.
Dublin,
the xxixth of December. 1581. /

Yours euer most assured, 25

Arthur Grey

Note on hands

The address and text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's usual fluid secretary hand. The signature is Grey's familiar mark. The endorsement is in a later hand, presumably added during the filing of the letter in London.

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