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Grey to Walsingham, 13 January 1581/2

Address and Endorsement

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

13 January 1581
The Lord Deputye.

Text

I beeseetche yow Sir cause the letter too my Lords heerwith empacketed too bee considered & awnsswered with all conuenient speede for it emportethe mootche.

This mornyng Ihon of Desmoondes head for a new= yeeres guyft was commended vntoo mee from the Coronell: The newes I iudge allreadie too bee with yow there, hysself aduertizing mee that hee had presently dispatched one from Corck therwith, & therefore I leaue too declare the manner of the action: onece the seruyce is woorthy of accounte; •••* & rew= arde in sutche casies & too sutche men is neyther loss nor expence; her Maiestie myght doo well too beestowe on hym all sutche leasies & landes (yet landes I thynck hee had noane) as the traytor had; If it shall not bee trooblesum too yow I praye yow too mooue it. The proclamation guyues 500•^{li*} for his kylling, but where is the mooney. Consider owre necessities I beeseetche yow* & so the Lord bee euer with yow: Dublin xiiijth of Ianuary 1581.

Yowrs most assuredly
euer,

Arthur Grey

{Mr Sec}retary*

Note on hands

The text and subscription of this letter are in Grey's cursive italic hand, and the signature is Grey's. The address is written in Spenser's usual secretary hand, and the endorsement in a distinct, later italic.

* **11 •••**] Three or four characters have been deleted here. The missing letters may be 'lea', perhaps the beginning of the word 'leas(i)es' (see the following lines).

* **18 500•^{li}**] Grey seems initially to have written '5000', and then to have deleted the final zero.

* **19 yow**] This word inserted above the line with a caret mark.

* **25 Mr {Sec}retary**] Although only a portion of this word remains visible, the common practice of other letters makes it certain that 'Secret.' was intended. The subscription of the addressee's name or title is a common feature in the State Papers letters, and was undoubtedly used in the filing process.

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