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Grey to the Privy Council, 13 February 1581/2

Address and Endorsements

To the right Honorable
my very good **Lords** and
otheres of her **Maiesties**
Privie Councell yeue
this

Lords

13 February 1581
The **Lord** Deputy.
on **the** behalfe of Neil* Mac
goghgan.

Text

	Yt may please your Lordships Whereas in the late gouernement of Sir Henry Sidney * her Maiesty directed speciall lettres of Instruccion vnto him, for the setting ouer of the Captentry of Macgoghegans Countrey vnto Rosse mac Gohegan , who was of late wickedly murdered by the Traitour his brother Bryan, & to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten; I haue thought good, aswell in regard of the sondry former good services & due{t}ies* of the said Rosse towards her Maiesty by meanes whereof his daies were the rather shortened, as also for the great hope & present good carriage of his sonne Neil mac Goghgan to commend vnto your Lordships the renewing of her Maiesties said good meaning towards the father, and the contynuing thereof vnto the sonne, who daily here giveth vnto vs good signes of his towardnes & duetifull mynd towards her Maiestie For the which humbly beseeching your Lordships to bee a meane vnto her Maiesty the rather at my request, aswell for the better encoraging & confirming the young man in his said forwardnes, as also by ensample of her gratious goodnes towards him to stirre vp otheres to the like desyre of well deserving, I humbly take	5 10 15 20
Rosse mac Goghgan		
Neil mac Goghgan		

leave. Dublin the xiiijth of February. 1581/

Your Lordships most assured to
Commaund,

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Arthur Grey

Note on hands

The text and address of this letter are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, and the endorsement, as usual, in a distinct italic hand, presumably added during the filing process in London. Grey has supplied his usual autograph signature. Three names mentioned in the letter have been underlined, presumably after receipt; in two cases these names have been copied by a distinct mixed hand (possibly Walsingham's) in the left margin.

* **Endorsement Neil**] 'Neil' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* **2 of Sir Henry Sidney**] These words, like the others further on, were probably underlined by a reader, perhaps by the same hand responsible for the annotations.

* **8 due{t}ies**] The 't' here has been blotted, but the intended word is obvious.

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