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Grey to Walsingham, February 1581/2

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my especial
good Frend Sir
Fraunces Walsingham
Knight Chief
Secretary to her Maiesty

February 1581
The Lord Gray.
on the behalfe of Captein
Acres

Text

Sir, this Bearer Captein Acres being Now Dischargid of
hyr Maiesties pay here in the which during his enterainment he
hath right well acquitted him self, and Dischargyd the parte
of adyligent and faythfull servitour to hyr Maiestie. I could not but
accompany him wyth my favorable lettres vnto yow in his
behalf. though in deed otherwyse very much agreyvid that by
reasure of the small proporcion of Threasure here for the
awnsvering of the discharges, I am enforced to lett such as have
so well served hyr Maiestie here, passe hence soe sclenderly
Satisfyed of theyr pay: for abowe xj^{li} which he hath due
here of his enterteynment, the Threasure fallith owt soe short
that he canne receive but 3^{li}* which streyghtnes though
for the present it bee moste to my Discreditt, yet I fear hereafter
will lykwyse prove the noe small hinderaunc of this service
Wherfor beseching yow in the poore gentlemans behalf to further him
as yow may for the obteyning of the reste of his paiment
there, and in other his reasonable suittes, to afford hym yowr
frendly favour. I committ yow to the goodnes of the Almightye

Youres euer most assuredly,

Arthur Grey 20

{Mr Sec}retary

Note on hands

The text of the letter is written in a regular and conservative secretary hand (not Spenser's); Grey's signature is his familiar autograph. The address, though more of a rushed scrawl than usual, is in Spenser's secretary hand, and the endorsement in a later hand, probably added when the letter was filed in Westminster. The trace of an addressee note at the foot of the page ('{Mr Sec}retary') is in an italic hand, probably that of the same man who drafted the text of the letter; these notes were added to remind Grey, and Spenser when addressing and ultimately dispatching the letter, to whom the letter was to be addressed.

* *12 3••^h*] two-character illegible deletion.

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