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*Grey to Walsingham, 14 March 1581/2*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the Honorable  
my especiall good frend  
Sir Fraunces Walsingham  
Knight Chief Sec  
cretary to her Maiesty. /

14 Marche 1581  
The Lord Deputye

**Text**

Sir, I send now vntoo yow certayne examinations  
according the Note heerin encloazed. It wyll, I  
thynck; eazely appeere whyther the Lord of Delluyn bee  
so cleere & sownde a man as sum there woold defend  
& haue hym thowght too bee. These confessions  
myght allso sufficiently enfourme the fastnes of  
roote & Hydras head that this rebellion had gotten,  
& therby sum iudgementt gathered of the eazines of  
the woorck, & dew reguarde that the peryll woold  
haue requyred, but settled wyll, I perceaue, wyll  
neyther affourde creditt too the one nor preuentyng in  
the oother, & so God speede it. 5  
I fynde by letters from Ihon Zowtche, that wheras the rebels  
there were browght too great exigents & euerie  
daye lyghtly one bringging in an oothers head for 10  
hys owane saftie & pardoone; vppon this greate  
discharge the case is so alltered as not onely theyr  
seruyce & seeking of grace is left, but new  
myndes & hartts taken, they growe too reconciliation  
amongst themsellues & making assemblies gather 20  
too new & stronger forcies; Sir Warham St Linger certi=  
fiethe the same. I wryte not this that I woold  
haue it emparked too her Maiestie & Councell •• for\* that I  
•••••\* knowe it wyll but bee taken a dryft too  
putt her too new chardgies & no oother accounte 25  
made of it; the chieffiest cause of my certifying  
it, next too myne owane disservice, is •\* my care  
of the ientleman that I committed too the gouernment,  
whowse well dooyng & creditt is as myne owane deere  
vnto mee; hee hathe heetherto & so long as power was 30

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affoured hym, sheowed no small endeouour &  
 ••••\* sufficiencie, **the which** allso it hathe pleased  
 God not meanly too bless; I perceau by hym  
**that**, as hee is now left, hee can not onely not serue,  
 but hardly shunne •\* inconuenience: hee earnestly  
 requyrethe too bee taken from **the** place, neyther wyll  
 hee staye in this lande after mee: loouyng hym as  
 I doo & fynding reazon in hys request I can  
 not but assent vnto it, allthowghe **withowte** sum  
 healp by **yowr** meanes my chieff dutie wyll not  
 permitt mee too satisfie boathe hys & myne  
 owane dezyre, not hauyng heere any sufficient  
 man too beetake **the** chardge vnto, but **Sir Warham**  
**St Linger** (whowme, in deede I hoald, as **the** courss  
 of goouernment must now goe, I meane, by tempo=  
 rizing, too bee a mootche meeter instrument)  
 and hym **withowte** sum direction from thence I can  
 not putt too it, hyssellf hauyng wrytten vnto  
 mee, **that** hee wyll rather lye by the heeles, then  
 serue in it as now it standes: I praye yow  
 yet **Sir**, & **that** moast earnestly, •••••\* **with** speede too  
 procure eyther from thence sum one too bee sent,  
 or els direction too mysellf too appoynt thyther  
 sum oother **that** mysellf **with the** Councell heere shall  
 thynck meete, haue mynde heerof I beeseetche  
 yow./  
 I long now too heare from yow nourisshed **with** good  
 hoape then too receaue **the** certaynetie of my callyng  
 hoame according too **the** promiss of **yowr** last.

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I praye yow dispatche **Sir Nicholas** Mallbie awaye  
**that** her **Hyghnes** order for this goouernment maye bee had,\*  
 as hersellf & my **Lords** in theyr last signified,  
 ootherwyze sure it wyll not goe well, for this  
 supplicatorie & vncertayne rule can not last long.  
 Remember I praye yow **Sir Robert** Dillons sute: **sir**  
**Lucas** hoaldethe styll on his zelus seruyce, God  
 grawnte hys reward maye bee but too **the** hallf of  
 hys dezert. My request for **Sir Edward** Moore I  
 praye yow lett bee thowght of; & **the** **Baron** of  
 Dungannon. Twoo or three woordes from **yowrsellf**  
 in her **Maiesties** name too **the** **Bisshop** of meathe in tha=  
 nckes of hys dutiefull & feruent •••••• trauayle\* in **the**  
 detection of these consspiracies & oother seruicies **that**  
 hee hathe been employed in, woold greatly coomforte  
**the** good Oald man & bee iustly beestowed.  
 The **numbers** appoynted arre now all cassed but yet

not ryd owte of **the** lande for want of mooney,  
 esspecyally those of **the** west, whow could not for  
 diuers causies bee sent too Chester for theyr paye,  
 neuertheless, sutche order is taken **that** her Maiesties 80  
 chardge shall bee no greater then **the** paye of  
 theyr cease in **the** townes where they laye after  
 theyr dischardge tyll theyr recknynges were made  
 & they dispatched ouer. /  
 Surely if better Order bee not taken for •\* vittayling 85  
**the** garrisoones •\* & wardes of **the** west must eyther  
 starue or bee abandoned; there not remaynyng at neyther  
 Corck nor Limbrick so mootche corne or oother vittayle as wyll

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serue one hundrethe men a weeke, & **the** Cuntrie so  
 bare as no relieff there is too bee expected. 90  
 The plague waxethe very hott in Corck.  
 And there is Ihon Zowtches chyeffiest aboade  
**which** makes mee **the** greediar to haue **hym** awaye. /  
 Too end **with**, **that** It maye bee **the** better remembered I  
 commend vnto yow myne owane dispatche hence, 95  
 & so doo praye **the** Allmyghtie God euer too  
 keepe & bless yow. Dublin **the** xiiij<sup>th</sup> of Martche.  
1581.

It were very con= Yowrs moast assured,  
 uenient **that** Rose 100  
 Bremingheam **the** Lord  
 of Delluins wooman  
 & Iames Browne  
 her seruant were taken  
 •\* & examined. / 105

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### Note on hands

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

- \* **23 •• for]** 'as' deleted, 'for' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- \* **24 •••••]** 'deeme' deleted.
- \* **27 •]** 'c' deleted.
- \* **32 •••]** 'grea' (?) deleted.
- \* **35 •]** single-character deletion.
- \* **51 •••••]** 'eyther' (?) deleted.
- \* **61 had]** 'had' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- \* **72 •••••• trauayle]** 'seruyce' deleted and 'trauayle' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- \* **85 •]** 'y<sup>e</sup>' deleted.
- \* **86 •]** illegible single-character deletion.
- \* **105 ••]** 'se' (?) deleted.

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