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Grey to Walsingham, 30 April 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable my
very especiall good frend
Sir Fraunces Walsingham
Knight Chief Secre-
tary to her Maiesty. /

31 April 1582*
From the Lord Deputy
on the behalfe of
James Vaughan

Text

Sir, this bearer James Vaughan late lieutenant vnto
Captein Ienkins having by the space of these xx^{ty} yeares
very well and painfully served her Maiesty both here in
this Realme & in Fraunce, whereof xv yeares he bare
office in the field, and in the same lost both some of
his lymmes & the most part of his substaunce being
taken Prisoner by Tirlagh Lenagh, and in all that tyme
reported to be a tall Soldier & an honest man, is
now amongst the rest discharged of her Maiesties pay.
Wherevpon intending now to repaire ouer into England
he hath earnestly required my favorable lettres vnto
you in his behalf to testify his long good service
here. Somuch whereof as hath bene performed since
my Coming into this land, I can assure you to have
bene both full of good indeavour & valewe. The rest
before my tyme is likewise wittnessed by those which
are of very good credit here, to have bene no lesse
Commendable. And therefore I beseech you to shewe
what favour & good Countenance you may in such rea-
sonable Causes as he meaneth to sollicit, the rather
to encorage both him & otheres by his ensample to the
like good endeavour. And so leaving him to your favorable
Consideracion, I betake you to Almighty god. Dublin
the last of Aprill. 1582. /

Youres most assuredly, 25

Arthur Grey

Secretary./

Note on hands

The address and text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic cursive secretary hand. Grey has added his usual signature. The endorsement, presumably added when the letter was being filed in London, is in a later hand. The 'addressee note' ('Secretary./') added to the foot of the page is probably in Spenser's mixed hand; these notes were added by the secretary drafting the letter before sending it off to be signed, making it clear to whom the letter should be directed when the time came to seal, address, and dispatch it.

**Endorsement 31 April 1582*] Obviously a secretarial mistake for 30 April.

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