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Grey to Walsingham, 22 May 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my especiall good
Frend Sir Fraunces
{W}alsingham Knight
Chief Secretary to
her Maiesty./

mr Secretary

22 May 1582
The Lord Deputy.
I sweare to the memori
als
Earl of Kildare. and his exa
minations.
his reuocation
warrant for his allow
ance
his iorney into ophaly.

Text

Sir, the xxjth of this date Sir Nicholas Mallbie
arryued heere: The instructions & Memorials
hee brought were furthewith considered of by
the Councill heere, wheruppon it was thought
necessarie too returne them now too her Maiestie
& my Lords with owre opinions & awnswers
too euerie article therof according as moast
of the same doo enioyne vs. 5
The Earl of Killdare & Baron of Delluin arre
now sent ouer as was directed & theyr 10
examinations taken at this tyme* with the
rest empacketed with sum oother not yet certified.
I haue signified to •* her Maiestie the happynes I
take it too fynde no disgrace settled in her
agaynst mee, but withall doo sheowe the 15
small coomforte & less sufficiencie euerie
waye that rests in me too continewe in the

place & therefore doo earnestly prosecute
stylly my reuocation, **which** moast instantly
I beeseetche yow too importune, for if beefore 20
my dezyre that waye were not meanelly bent
surely by these thynges now sent ouer it is
trebble rooted & fastned in mee, for now I see
eeuen **the** mouthe of this powre cuntries destr=
uction fully made vp, & **the** honest therof 25
(thowghe feowe in deede) apparantly vndoonne &
expozed too **the** wyckeds tyrannie./

Sir Nicholas Mallbie dyd seeme to warrant
mee **that** within vj weekes I shulld haue my 30
dispatche, yet not fynding any confirma=
tion therof from **yoursellf** no hoape I
couldd settle of it: I beeseetche yow **sir** with as
conuenient speede as yow maye guyue mee sum
certayne knowlege, for **that** it standethe mee grea=
tly vppon for **the** dispozyng accordingly of my pry=
uate affayres, wherein I lyttle neede hyndring 35
protesting to God **that** I shall thynck mysellf
happie if I maye leaue **the** place but with 2000^{li}
loss: **which** wyll growe farre too a more reck=
nyng with mee in case my dewe allowance bee 40
withhealld, I hearyng nothyng as yet of **the** allow=
ance of **the** same; Surely **Sir**, I wyll neuer
God wylllyng troobble her **Maiestie** or any freend I
haue with any sute for recompence, onely my hyre
coouenanted I craue **which** in ryght & conscience 45
maye not bee denied, & truly **yoursellf** beeyng
the onely recorde therof, necessitie pressing mee,
must bee **the** onely bodie **that** I shall call & crye
owte on for **the** same, I praye yow therefore
haue it in mynde; & in **the** meane tyme I wyll 50
certaynely make vp no accounte but after
that allowance.
I woold gladly receaue sum knowledge how myne
awnsswers too **the** late enformations agaynst
mee arre taken, as well in that concernyng 55

Patrick Brimingheam* as **the** rest.
Captayne Mackwoorthe I take assuredly slayne.

I am presently goyng into Ophaley too settle order
for the prosecutyng of those knaues, & yet how
too doo it hardly I see meanes for ••* lack 60
of mooney & vittayles.

The rest that concernethe this state the bearares
sufficiencie shall make mee too bee silent
in, & so for this tyme wyll take leaue
prayng the Allmyghtie God too keepe & 65
bless yow euer. Dublin the 22th of maie 1582.

I send yow heerewith a drawght
of a warrant for myne enter=
taynement agreed on by the Thresurer
& auditor heere, which if it maye Yowrs moast assured 70
bee passed wyll bee sufficient
euer:
for my due allowance, I praye
yow Sir labour it for mee, it is Arthur Grey
but ryght & reazonable neyther in
sheowe that can dislyke her Maiestie:/ 75

Note on hands

The text of the letter, including the subscription, is in Grey's familiar hand, with his autograph signature. The address is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, while the endorsement, probably added during the filing of the letter in London, is in a compact and legible italic. The small note adjacent to the address on the reverse of the letter ('mr Secretary') is one of the usual 'addressee notes', in this case added by Grey himself, probably after folding up the letter for addressing (the minuscule forms of 'e' and 'r' seem to be Grey's, and the note is carefully positioned along one of the creases that define the border of the once-folded packet); this note would have been added to indicate to Spenser, who addressed and dispatched the packet, to whom it should be directed.

* **11 tyme]** The final 'e' of this word appears to be written over another letter, possibly 'y'.

* **13 •]** 'y^e' deleted.

* **56 Brimingheam]** An extra stroke appears in the 'ing' cluster in this name, probably as a result of Grey's haste.

* **60 ••]** Two-character deletion; possibly 'of'.

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