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Grey to the Privy Council, 7 May 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my very good Lords and otheres of her Highnes privy Councell.

Lords

7 May 1582
The Lord Deputye.
Iames Fitzedmond{s}

Text

Yt may please your Lordships I haue in the last Packett received from your Lordships certein Depositions & Examinations touching one Iames fitz Edmondes taken at Chester, but the Partie him self is not here as yett arrived. But so soone as he Cometh, I will according to your Lordships direction proceede to his examination and due triall in the which yf any thing shall further fall out, I will accordingly certefy your Lordships. And in the meane season I Committ your Lordships to Almighty god. Dublin, the vijth of May. 1582. /

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Your good Lordships assured to Commaund,

Arthur Grey

Lords of the Councell.

Note on hands

The address and the text of this letter, including the subscription, are both in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand; Grey has added his usual signature. The endorsement is in two distinct hands, the first a mixed hand and the second a cramped secretary; this suggests that these two parts of the endorsement were added to the letter at different times. The note in the bottom left-hand margin of the text of the letter ('Lords of the Councell') is in an italic hand, probably Spenser's; these 'addressee' notes were probably added to the foot of letters before sending them to Grey to be signed, so that the secretary subsequently addressing and dispatching them would know how to direct them.

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