

**Hatfield House, Cecil Papers MS 11/114**  
*Grey to Burghley, 28 August 1581*

**Address and Endorsements**

To the right Honorable  
my very good Lord the  
Lord Burghley Lord  
High Threasurer  
of England yeue  
this

28 August 1581

The Lord Deputy of Ireland  
to my Lord.

Victells to be sent to Yowghal  
& other partes of Munster

the Lord Thresurer

**Text**

By my letters too my Lords now yowr Lordship shall vnderst=  
ande how peacyble wee growe now in these partes,  
God hoald it, which yet I wyll guyue no warrantize  
for thowghe it shall not alyttle content mee to  
haue my expectation deceaued; neuertheless the 5  
winnyng of tyme, if no better coome of it wyll  
bee no loss, consideryng owre many lewose endes  
too bee looked too, & her Maiesties dislyke thowroghly  
too deale with them as the certaynetie of the cure  
woold requyre. Good my Lord healp vs & that 10  
with sum speede too mooney & vittayle. As my  
forsayd letters doo declare myself presently, God not  
lettyng, is prepared into Munster toowardes  
the which iorney not one penny yet I haue; neyther,  
as last I wrote to yowr Lordship, any scrop of vittayle 15  
is there left in those partes on thys syde\* Limbrick,  
which, too, by this dayes aduertisement, wastes apace,  
humbly therfore doo I beeseetche yowr Lordship, that speedie  
care bee had for the sending of sum good propor=  
tions too Yowghhall, Limbrick & Dingle 20

where for that prouince **the** Staples wyll lye  
conuenientliest. This place neyther must bee  
forgotten, for **the** manie garrisoones &\* ioorneyes,  
**that** this spryng heethertoo haue onely of **the** store  
been fed •\* throwghe extremitye of **the** cuntries 25  
scarcenes, hathe now left heere lykewyze but  
a small remayne/\* So earnestly beequeathyng  
**the** regard of these owre wantes to **yowr Lordships** carefull  
& faourable healp I humbly take leaue; prayng  
**the** allmyghtie God euer too bee **with** yow. Dublin **the** xxvii<sup>th</sup> of 30  
August 1581.

**Yowr Lordships** assuredly euer,  
**Arthur Grey**

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#### Note on hands

The address is in Spenser's usual secretary hand, here fairly cramped. The text of the letter, including the subscription, is in Grey's usual italic hand, very spidery, with his autograph signature. The series of endorsements was added by a later hand, presumably when the letter was being filed in London.

\* **16 syde**] 'syde' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

\* **23 garrisoones &]** '&' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

\* **25 fed •]** 'f' deleted.

\* **27 remayne/]** Grey has here overwritten a comma with a forward slash.

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