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John Norris to the Privy Council, 7 March 1584/5

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my very good
Lords & others of her
{Maiesties}* privie Councill

. Lordes.

.7. March: 1584

Mr John Norrys.

Commendeth mr Lambert

hurt vnder him in

hir Maiesties seruice agaynst

the Skottes.

Text

It may please your Lordships; Although I know that
this gentleman Mr Lambert is sufficiently furnished
with the Commendation of the Lord Deputie, and such as were
Gouernours before him, aswell for former service as for
his late maymes received in Vlster; yett forasmuch
as in the Accion wherein he was now hurt, he w{as}
one that followed my self, the Charge of that {...}*
being then committed vnto me, & that I was then a{n}
eye Wittnes of his doinges, I am to Commend him also to
your Lordships for his value & manly behavouour, beseeching you
to take this knowledg at my handes, that nothing could
bee better performed, though the successe fell out hard
for him self. And now that beyond all opinion god hath
preserved him in lyfe, & the same by losse of his lymmes
may bee miserable without some relief from her Maiesty
I am an humble sutour to your Lordships for him, that by con-
sideracion of him otheres may bee incoraged, to deserve
as he hath doune. And so I humbly end; Dublin,
the vijth of March./ 1584.

Your Lordships humbly at Commaund, 20

John Norreys

Note on hands

The address and the main text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. Norris has added his autograph signature. The endorsement, in a distinct italic, was probably added upon entry of the letter for filing in London.

* *Address {Maiesties}*] part of the address has been obscured by removal of the bands originally used to seal the letter, but the formula is standard enough to warrant this suggested reading.

* 7 {...}] here, as in the lines immediately above and below, the manuscript has been damaged.

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