Endorsements

Edmund Spenser his answer to the comissionne

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Text

The answer of Edmond Spenser gentleman
to the Articles of Instructions given in charge
to the Commissioners for examining & inquyring
of her Maiesties attainted landes past to the undertakers

1 To the first he sayth that he hath undertaken the peopling
of a Segniory of iiiijm acres allotted vnto him by a Particular
from the undertakers, in which the Castle & landes of Kilcolman
& Rossack were appointed vnto him, the which want much of
the sayd whole Proporcion of iiiijm acres

2 To the second he sayth that he hath not as yett passed
his Patent of the sayd landes for that he covenanted with
Mr Rheade who had a former particular graunted him of {the}
sayd landes, that incase the sayd Mr Read or any for him
came before Whitsonyde last to inhabit the same, that
then he should disclame & surrender the Premisses; & therefore till that tyme expired he was lothe to passe the sayd Patent. But since theexpiracion of the said tyme being willing to have passed yt, he hath not bene permitted for that Justice Smithes who is onely now lefte of the Quorum hath bene euer absent in England. But so soone as he retourneth he will passe the same.

To the third he sayth that there wanteth of his dew Proporcion m acres as he supposeth at the least

To the iiiijth * fifte & viijth he knoweth of * chargeable landes * and* chiefrentes within the compas of his Particuler but onely iiiij nobles vpon Ballinegarragh & vi or vij d vpon Ballinfahnigh*

To the vijth & * viijth he sayth that as yett he hath not made any division of his landes to his tenantes, for that his patent is not yett passed vnto him, nor his landes established.

To the ixth & xth & xijth he sayth that he hath hetherto but vij* housholdes of English people vpon his land, for the former causes.

To the xijth he sayth that sondry honest persons in Eng{land} have promised to come ouer to inhabit his land so sone as his pat{ent} {...}*

Edmund Spenser
Note on hands
The text of the letter is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, here faded and somewhat rough (some text has been lost in the right margin and, apparently, at the bottom of the page). The endorsement appears to be Spenser's own italic hand, somewhat more formal and rounded than in other examples. The signature at the bottom left of the document is in the familiar cursive, abbreviated form. The word 'null' below the endorsement has been added in a secretary hand; it is consistent with the subscriptions appended to the other replies from the undertakers (many, like Spenser's, read 'null'; some indicate rents and chargeable lands).

* 15 •• 'w' deleted.
* 24 •] 'c' deleted.
* 24 & vi.Inf] ' & vi.Inf' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 24 ••] 'hoe' deleted
* 25 ••] 'nor' deleted; 'and' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 26 but onely...Ballinfahnigh] this line of text inserted in smaller writing, apparently after the next entry was begun. The sense of this addition explains the revisions described in the preceding two notes.
* 27 vijth &] 'vijth &' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 30 xth] 'xth' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 31 ••• ••••• •••] 'not aboue vij' deleted; 'but vj' inserted above the line.
* 33-35 Eng[land]...pat[ent]... damage to the manuscript has obscured the right margin and the foot of the text here, obscuring the conclusion of Spenser's answer.

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