

**NA (PRO) SP 63/147/16**  
*Bill against Lord Roche, 12 October 1589*

**Endorsements**

1588

byll against the  
Lord Roche

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Kilballyewerye\*

**Text**

Against the Lord Roche.

Imprimis the Lord Roche in Iuly 1586 and at sondry tymes before & after relieved & maynteyned one Keadagh Okelly a proclaymed Traitour being his fosterbrother & caused the Sessoures man, who had seized vpon a garran which the sayd Keadagh stole & brought into the country, to bee apprehended And when the sayd Kedagh was sought for he conuayed him away. 5

James birne

Item the said Lord secretly vpon the first report of the Spaniardes coming •••\* towardes this country caused powder & munition to bee made in a privy place of his house, from the knowledg of his owne servautes mr Mc hendry 10

Item the said Lord vseth in his grace to pray •••\* that god •••\* would take away this heavy hand from them and speaketh ill of the gouernement, & hath vttered wordes of contempt of her Maiesties lawes calling them vniust. 15

••••• •••••\* mr Edmound Spen•cer\*

James byrne 20

Item the sayd Lord hath imprisoned in his private house sondry persons videlicet a man of Mr Verdons a man of Mr Spensers •\* & sondry\* others of the\* freeholders of his country

mr Edmond Spencer 25  
mr Iohn Vernon

Item the said Lord apprehended one Vllig Okief for stealing of ix kyne & after vpon\* composicion enlarged him, so as the sayd Vllig\* would make to him a feoffement of his land which he presently did Therevpon the sayd Lord agreed to satisfy the stolen kyne to the parties which ought them which hetherto he hath not doen. Vllig\* OKief 30

Item v kyne being stolen from were\* followed to the Lord Roches house, where they were proved to have bene eaten & satisfaccion of the same was by him made accordingly. 35

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Item the sayd Lord made proclamacion in his countrey that none of his people should have any trade or conference with Mr Spenser or Mr Piers or any of their tenants being english\* 40  
mr Edmond Spencer  
mr peers

Item the said Lord Roche tooke away & killed a fatt beof of Teig Olyues for that Mr Spenser lay in his house one night as he came from the Sessions at Limeric Teig Olyues 45

Item the said Lord Roche killed a beof of his Smithes for mending mr Perces plough yron. 50  
mr peers

Item the sayd Lord Roche hath concealed from her Maiesty the Manour of Crogh being the freehold of one who\* was a Rebell • 55  
yt shalbe proved /

Item the sayd Lord Roche hath also lately entred into the sayd Rebelles other land which he gave him in recompence thereof as he alleageth . /

All this is to bee verified 60  
by prooffe of the forenamed persons.

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**Note on hands**

The text of the allegations is, for the most part, in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, here slightly hasty as appropriate for a draft of this kind. The two cursive signatures at the foot of the document are autograph, while the names appended to each of the items are in a hasty, rounded italic, possibly Spenser's or Cuffe's (with some exceptions, e.g. 'Teig Olyues' at l. 48, which is in secretary). At least some of the endorsement is in Spenser's regular secretary (the deletion and 'Kilballyewerye'), while the rest is in a very cursive, broad-nibbed, and fairly illegible italic. The list-like notes to the left of the endorsement, smudged and blotted to illegibility, are in this same rough italic.

\* **Endorsements** [.....] 'Kibarr' deleted.

\* **Endorsements**] against the left side of the endorsement is a long list, probably of names, that is too smudged and messy to make out. It is in the same handwriting as the endorsement.

\* **11** [....] 'into' deleted.

\* **15** [..] 'for' deleted.

\* **16** [..] 'may' deleted.

\* **19** [.....] 'Iames burne' deleted.

\* **19** **Spencer**] 's' deleted.

\* **23** [.] 'V' deleted.

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

\* **23** **the**] Spenser has written 'the' over an original 'his' here; it seems he originally intended to write 'others of his country', but changed it to 'sondry others of the freeholders of his country'.

\* **28** **vpon**] single-stroke deletion.

\* **29** [.] 'h' deleted.

\* **33** **doen. Vllig**] a line has been inserted here to mark the break between item and signature.

\* **34-35** **from...were**] there is a gap in the text here, presumably left to be filled in later.

\* **41** **being english**] 'being english' apparently added at the same time as the signatures below (fresh, darker ink), and it appears in a much hastier secretary, though probably still Spenser's—suggesting that Spenser signed the claim himself.

\* **54** **of one...who**] there is a gap in the text here, presumably left to be filled in later.

\* **55** '&' deleted.

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