Endorsement

Baron Dunganon
To the Lord Deputie.
Ultimo Augusti

Text

The copie of the Baron of Dunganons lettre

Right honorable, Tirlagh Lennagh is repayering to these bordres with a great army of men who pretendeth to invade the pale, as I am credibly given to vnderstand by my secrete frendes about him, notwithstanding his promise of peace lately made to your Lordship which this his euill pretence I have sundry tymes revealed to her Maiesties Counsell in England & in Ireland all this yeare past & forasmuch as he is presently to repaire for executing his pretended mischief that yt would please your honour to send downe hether some such force for the defence of the pale & vs her Maiesties subiectes as your Lordship may well spare. for yt now vpon the first you shall give him hend he will grow so prowde thereof as you will have more adoe with him then with all the rest her Maiesties enemies in Ireland which now you may prevent & have what peace you will at his handes yt you see at the first to withstand him which a smaller force will now doe then hereafter. And forasmuch as my grandfather my father & my brother hath both bestowed their goodes & lives in her Maiesties service And also I my self hath ventered the same euer sence I was hable to beare sword and so will contynew by godes grace during my life And also vnderstanding from her Maiesties Counsell in England by lettre ready to be shewen by this Bearer my servaunt her gratious pleasure that I should have some such enterteynement for the better maytenance of my self my kinsmen & follo weres (now ready for want thereof to depart from mee) as your Lordship & my Lord Chauncellour shall thinck meete for mee I have thought yt good most humbly to crave the same now in my great extremitie having already at my late Lord Iustice handes xxv horsemen in pay doe beseeche them to be made vppe to some such company
as thereby I may be able to doe the better service.  
And yf your Lordship shall fynd that there may be any good ordre taken with Tirlagh Lennagh that you may stand assured of him, then will I not onely with that force I have in her Maiesties pay but all other forces that I am hable to make as skottes shott and galloglasses to repaire to your Lordship and serve vpon the rest her Maiesties enemies there both dutifully and truly which hath killed of late

some of my frendes whose deathes I would gladly revenge Thus not omitting my duety &c Bally Scanlin
The Last of August 1580

To the right honorable
my very good Lord the
Lord Deputie of Ireland. /

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**Note on hands**
The text of the letter, including the original endorsement at the foot of the second page, is largely in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, here fairly rushed; the only exception comes in the words 'Baron of Dungannons' in the header, which are in Spenser's italic. The second line of the endorsement, 'To the L Deputie', written in Spenser's compact secretary hand, is the original endorsement. The first and third lines were added in a later italic hand, presumably when the letter was being filed in Westminster.

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