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Copy of Sir Nicholas Bagenall to Grey, 2 September 1580

Endorsement

Sir Nicholas Bagnoll
To the Lord Deputy
2 September

Text

The copie of Sir Nicholas Bagnoles lettre

This very instant my messenger returned from
Turlough Lennogh with another of his by whome he
sent thinclosed lines which your Lordship may peruse. The partie for
whose death he chalengeth Magneisse so hotely of di- 5
sposicion was so vile as Magneisse could not have in the
killing of any such like donne better. A more notorious
thief & murtherer reigned not
And although he shadow his approche vpon some grownd
expressed in his lettre yett is he not to be trusted for in 10
hearing of my man he vowed that his Vrraghes he would
have before he returned, yf not with your Lordships consent then otherwise
His force is iiij^m more neare five & assuredly bent to take
thadvauntage. for one of the farinans a Rome runner knave 15
came vnto him within these v daies from Mounster & so
persuaded him of the forces there & your Lordship in your last voiage
how both were weakened & impaired that hath so kindled his
rancor as vnlesse your Lordship speedily send downe force, before he
ronne vp, the safetie of the pale wilbe hazarded neuer more:
Your Lordships owne presense would here be necessarie yf yt might bee but 20
as you fynd the service most needfull (I speake as one that hath
not seene further then here presently) so be yt And yf but the
forces come I shall doe what in me shall lye (god please
to temper or withstand according to the necessitie of the tyme. I
heare he standes the more vpon the Vrraghs, for that Captein Pieres 25
(as he alleadgeth) gave him assuraunce of the enioying them
your Lordship knoweth yf he had such Commission to performe yt.
Lastly as I have said, force & not elles will salue this
for truly he dependes of some promise of the baron of Dunganon
to come to him. which yf doe then yf force doe not come 30

how uncertein the rest wilbee I know & all men elles may
adiudge. Euen thus the living god &c.

To the right Honorable my singular
good Lord the Lord Grey Lord Deputie
of Ireland /

Note on hands

The text of the letter, including the original endorsement at the foot of the second page, is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand; 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 Dep.', 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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