

Endorsements

Sir Hugh Orelie

To the Lord Deputie and the
Councell in Irland

3 september

Text

The Copie of Sir Hugh Orelies *lettre*

My very good *Lordes* you shall receive here inclosed
a *lettre* that Terlagh Lennagh Onele sent me
desyring me desyring me* & the best in my
Country to goe where he is otherwise yf I doe
not goe to him he will come to my Country
He is with a great host in Campe within few
miles of moynecan Mac Mathons towne with vj
wekes vittailles with him & ready to come to my
Country for I doe not meane to fulfill his
desieres or to goe to him & therefore I am desy-
ring your honoures to send your aide & men well
appointed to Kenles or thereaboutes to succour me
yf neede be and also to make ready against him
least he should enter into the pale. for I doe not
like well of his gathering at this tyme, he will
come to my Country within three daies yf euer he come.
And therefore lett your Honours aide in all hast possible
be ready Written in hast from the Cavan the
third of September

To the right honorable
the Lord Deputie & the
rest of her Maiesties Counsell

Note on hands

The text and heading of this letter appear to be written in a fluent version of the familiar Spenserian secretary hand. The first and third parts of the endorsement ('Sir Hugh Orelie' and '3 september') are apparently in Spenser's mixed hand; the second part of the endorsement is in a different secretary hand, small, spidery and quite cursive.

* **4 desyring me desyring me]** a clear case of reduplication, a common scribal error.

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