

Endorsements

Viscount of
Gormanstone

To the Lord Deputie

4 September.

Text

Viscount Gormanston

my duty done, may it please your Lordship to be aduertised that I
am credibly enformed that tirelagh leynaghe is bent to invade the
pale And hath for certayne combyned with the rebelles & hat given
forth openly speches that he wold stand indefence of religion while 5
Life doth Last him And said further that he is & wilbe oneall
who so ever thinketh evill of the same / disdayning as I take it, that
he is called but Terelaghe lenaghe, the said Terelagh was
in campe asaterday Last nere to aplace imockno* adioyning to
Mac mahownes contrey who comanded the said mac mahowne 10
to mett him vppon monday next with all his force at Caricke
bradraghe* with xiiij dayes victualles, he sent to orely* to met{t}
him ther as then whose dutyfull behaviour is not alitle to be
dubted (wherof we had good triall in shaen onelles rebellion)
for his whole force was with the said shaen as then) which if he 15
refuse to do hath sent him diffyance this inteligence is gev{en}
by one Mac Lawe of agniemollyne* bilonging to the said Mac Mahown{e}
and one whom he maketh (as I am enformed) no smale accoumpt*
of, myn auctour reportes the said tyrelaghe to be of force at
this present in camp with him fyve or six thowsand at the 20
lest wherfore if it stode with your good Lordships pleasuer I take
it not amys that force were sent to thies borders and
to the countey of loweth with victuall for certayne dayes for
•••* preventing the emenente daunger It is greatly to
be doubted that the rebelles I meane the said Tirelagh 25
& the rest intend to invade vppon both the sides of the
pale at one instant whose traytours intencions and most
wicked attemptes I besече god to prevent So with my
humble dutie comytting your good Lordship to the allmyghty
who send her maiestie victory with many yers Raigne in 30
happie helthfull & good state long to contynew And
your Lordships good successe I humbly take leave nobber
the fourth of Septembre 1580

To the right honorable my
very good Lord the Lord deputie

Your Lordships to comand
Christopher Gormanyston

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Note on hands

The text of this copied letter is written in the same broad secretary hand as 63/75/73 (i.e. not Spenser's); the word 'Copia' in the bottom left margin seems to be in the same hand, though it might be a later addition. The first line of the text ('Viscount Gormanston') is in a mixed hand, probably Spenser's. The endorsement conforms to the appearance of that of other letters in this group: the first and third sections are in Spenser's mixed hand, and the second ('To the Lord Deputie') – probably added later, when the letter was being filed in London – in a cramped secretary hand.

* **9 imockno]** this reading is very tentative, due to the pile-up of minims in what may have been a place-name unfamiliar to the copyist.

* **12 bradraghe]** there seems to be some overwriting here, suggesting that the secretary revised an original spelling.

* **12 to orely]** these two words are very closely touching, but appear to have been intended as two separate words.

* **17 agniemollyne]** this reading is, again, very tentative.

* **18 accountp]** the secretary has compressed this word (like many others on the right margin) to make it fit on the page: the terminal 't' here is written above the penultimate 'p'.

* **24 •••]** 'the' deleted.

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