Endorsement

Copie of my pryuate.
to her Maiestie . /

Text

That thinges concerning the descrying of hollow & faithlesse hartz to your Maiestie bee revealed nothing dislikes mee, but that the crime should light vpon some such as is now touched, pardon I crave yt to sorrow yt I cannot deny. The state of the cause at some length by a generall lettre from vs of your Councell here is deliuered vnto your Highnes with such writings & instruccions by the berer as conteyne the growndes of our proceedinges in yt. The Lord Chauncellour his great pollicie & intolerable travaile to the great empairing of his health and no losse perill of his life hath Chiefly yt not onely beaten out this matter. I therefore humbly beseeche your Highnes that he maye have his deserved thanckes: I feare the indisposicion of his bodye will enforce his license for a moneth or twoo; surely Madam yt it so fall out, as my self, I confesse shall receive a Chief mayne in my assistaunce so will your Maiesties service here in diverse behalves receive no small hindraunce{.} I could therefore very earnestly wish, & most humbly too doe commend the weighing thereof to your Maiestie that a skilfull Physicin were with speed sent to Chester, the lack whereof is his vndooing, and not possibly can he contynew thus here without seeking remedy by better skill; to your Maiesties gratious care therefore I bequeath yt. The Bishop of Dublin like wise hath shewed no small trouth and Constancy in this service having not a little endangered him self by avouching his Charge against the Earle. Delvin surely hath bene the Carrier of the Earle into this mischief, whose obstinate affection to Poperie hath now approved him vnsafe to him self, vnsownd to Frende disloiall to Prince & false to god. such is the yield of such seede, which, would to god, were not so plenty in this land: your Maiestie • must be carefull therefore to roote yt out, otherwise without heapes of Care, masse of threasure & continuall warre neuer accoumpnt to sway this gouernement. Your Highnes at my leave taking, gave me a warning for being strict in dealing with religion, I have observed yt, how obediently soeuer, yett most vnwillingly I confesse, and I
doubt as harmefullye to your & godes service, a Canker neuer receiving Cure without corrosiue medicines.
I have not bene hable to doe any thing vpone the Rebelles here since my Coming out of the west, for entending to this cause: but god not letting, immediatly after the xij daies I will abrode agayne, neither in the meane season shall some bandes bee idle, neither have they beene all this while, for this last weeke with 200 footmen & 80 horsemen Captein Russell and Sir Henry Harrington leading the horsemen & Sir William Stanley the footemen, wee took from vnder their fastnesse 1000 of their kyne, & had the killing of a doozen or twenty of their kearne and Galloglasse. The North is reasonable quiete, & Tirlogh a gentle calm Prince since the fortees taking. / An viij daies past Asketin in Mounster was attempted to bee surprized and the Rebelles had gotten into the base Court and cutt of one of the watch & reached the Castle gate forced the lockes therof, & were entring, when Parker the Constable with his ward onely renning to the place stode yt & by force and great valure repulsed them. Desmond his self hath in manner no force. John his brother skulkes vp and downe the woodes with a 300 swordes & now is said to bee on his retourne into these partes. / Connagh is in greatest sturre now of any province of this land ClanRichardes sonnes & O Wrouk being the heades thereof. Your Maiestie in my opinion might doe well to vse some threatens to the father in case by a day he cause them not to desist from their rebellious Accions & come in. But I hope in god that Sir Nicholas Malbey with the forces that by this he hath will make short worke against them. This beeing all that at this tyme I have to trouble your Highnes with, saving that yt may please the same to remember the poore Souldieres with a thorough pay, & vittailes from tyme to tyme, which is our other killing want, I take humble leave with continuall praier to the Almighty god to give your Maiestie length of life, euer health & direccion of his spirite. Dublin this xxijth of December 1580. /
Postscript. As I was Closing vp hereof I was aduertized from Sir Edward Moore & Captein Mackworth whome I had sent to take the Earles sonnes, that the Lord Garratt was escaped in what maner the letter yt self shall shew, I having herewith sent your Highnes the same. The Earle tooke this in merveilous grievous sort & prayed earnestly that he might bee suffered to wryte to my Lady his wyfe for the recoery of him, which I graunted. / Your Maiestie hath here of Sir Lucas Dillon a merveilous good and faithfull servaunt a rare iewell of this Countrey birth I beseech your Highnes that he may know his desert to have bene recommended. / 

Copie of my priuat.
Note on hands
The text of the letter is written in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, here very regular and legible; the
two exceptions are 'Postscript' and 'Copie of my priuat.' at the end of the main text, which are in Spenser's
italic. The endorsement is in Grey's own italic hand (see the endorsement to the enclosing letter, NRA/PRO
SP 63/79/24, which is also in Grey's hand).

29 ● T deleted.

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