Address and Endorsement

To the Queenes
most excellent
Maiestie

22 December 1580
From the Lord Deputy and
cownsell of Ireland
vnto her Maiestie

Text

It maie please your majestie From the begyning of this pale rebellion hauing hadd depe
causes of surmise that the same was procured or at the leaeste fauoured of great personages
either for gredines of paie or arrogante zeale to poapishe governemente, stirred vs to vse
all endeuer for the trieng out therof, whearby coming to apperant matter that chargd the
lorde of Kildare and Barron of Delvyn, we thoughte it our duteties to call them to the
answearing of it: An assemblie therfore of the nobillitie besides Counsell was warned, in
showe but for aduice and aide of the Countrie in the planting of garrisonnes nowe this
winter aboute the rebells: The same accordinglie come togither, and that matter in dede
onelie begun to be delte in, the Lord of Delvyn we knowe not howe, breaking oute, founde him
self greved, that he with other of the nobilitie was suspected, and further that he was
aduertised from Engelande it was informed youre Highenes that he was become a rebell
He desired if any man coulde charge him, he mighte aunsweare and clere him self or ells
reste condemned. This challengde by” the Barron of Delvin made to clere him self before he
was charged, offred us occasion without further circumstaunce to examyne him howe often,
in what places, vppon what occasions, and in what companyes, he had mett and conferred

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with the viscounte Baltinglas sithen Easter laste, and before the time of his rebellion, his aunswere he laide downe, in writing and subscribed, we separted him and vppon deliuerie to the whole Councell of what had bene founde by examinacion falsifieng his declaracion, all the boord vniuersallie (the Earle of Kildare being one) ordred his comitment to the Castell to be further delte with: he thus comitted, we charged the Earle with suche apparant matter, as proued he certainelie knewe the vicecount woulde breake out, and hadd assured intelligence of diuers his principall Councellors and partakers, and that notwithstanding hauing the vicounte after in his companye, hee rather guarded him from apprehention, then assented or liked to haue apprehendid him (his aunswere denyeng) apparant matters vttred by him to the Lord Archebushopp of Dublin and from the Lord Archebisshopp to him, occasionned us all vehementlie to suspecte him as a principall comforter of the vicecounte to enter into this action, and so with an entier voice of all, he was likewies comitted: In warde they boathe nowe remayne in the Castell of Dublyn: The matters which accuse them, we haue set downe in as brief notes as we coulde comprehend them, and the same herewith sent to your maiestie: We haue seized to your maiesties vse, all the landes and goodes of the saide Earle and Barron: We haue his two sonnes, and the same comitted to the custodie of me the Chauncellor, to be by me saulfelie kepte untill we shall understand your maiesties pleasure howe to bestowe them. Ther be many materiall circumstaunces more then are nowe sent, And because your maiestie might be the better satisfied of euerie scruple that might arise concerning the Earle or the Barron, we thoughte good that one of our selves might be emploied in this mesage, and therfore haue concluid vppon one of your maiesties Secretories here mr Fenton to be the bearer, to whom we haue deliuered full instructions to aunswear any doubt that might be obiected, humblie craving your maiesties favor and credit to be given vnto him, which his care and diligence in your maiesties serviuces here well deseure the And so the eternall god whose rule goeth throwe all, preserue still your maiestie and your royall estate. At Dublin the xxijth of December 1580.

Your Maiesties most humble and faithfull subiectes and servants.

Arthur Grey

William Gerard  Henry Wallop  Nicholas bagenall  Lucas dillon  Nicholas white
Note on hands
The text of the letter, including the subscription, is in a compact and very regular secretary hand, definitely not Spenser's; but the address is in Spenser's familiar secretary. The text includes the autograph signatures of Lord Grey, Sir William Gerrard, Sir Henry Wallop, Sir Nicholas Bagenall, Sir Lucas Dillon, Sir John Chaloner, and Sir Nicholas White.

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