Earl of Ormond to Grey, 13 March 1580

Endorsement

Copie of my Lord of Ormonde's lettre to the Lord Deputie 13. March. 1580

Text

My very good Lord I have thought good to lett your Lordship understand that since the dispatch of my servaunt Iohn Daniell with my lettres to you Barry Roe brother to Davie Barry playd the gentleman with me in taking away some of my horses that were at Sesse in his Countrey (which I have recovered from him). vpon this I marched with such forces as I had with me to Carbery towards his countrey and missing him self have warded his castles for her Maiestie and after retourned to Corke bringing with mee Sir Owen Macharty with all the chiefest freeholderes of his countrey to putt in assuraunce for their loialtie and to doe service against the Rebelles, the rather for that his Nephew fynin Machartie was held to bee a doubtfull man, I sent also for all the Galloglas beyond the leape in Carbrie and vpon their coming to me have taken their othe for their duetifull behaveour and meane to employ them in her maesties service. This day by thadvice of the counsell of this province of Mounster yt hath bene thought good and concluded that David Barrie should be sent for to bee talked with, and to vnderstand the cause of the breaking of his castles and the gathering of such forces as he had about him, Who was content to come to me here, having Sir George Bowchier, the Sherief Sir Cormock, and Richard Shee for the assuraunce of his safe retourne at his pleasure and being in that manner brought in, he seemed to make his quarrell for that he said Commissions were procured by Sir Warham and Capten Rawley for the apprehending & killing of him self and warding of his fatheres houses, as formerly I have written to your Lordship by my man Daniell, and for that being refusd proteccion by me he had no assuraunce of his life since the tyme of Sir William Pelhams gouernement, who gave him proteccion with promis of pardon and in respect of
the premisses stood at his keeping. Considering the weaken{es} of the bandes that are here to serve vnder mee and that I have determined to bend my forces in one way intending to meet with the principall Traitoures shortly god willing I have

given him my word and assuraunce not to harme him nor his till your Lordships pleasure bee knowen farther touching him, with condicion that he shall keepe her Maiesties peace, and that vpon ij or iij daies warning given him by your Lordship or my self, his assuraunce to bee voide, And being requested by mee to serve her maiestie against the Rebell es during his being vpon my word, would not promis the same, seing he would not purchase him self enemies, before his pardon were graunted him; which being graunted he said he would putt in pledges for his loialtie and doe the best service he could. I pray your Lordship lett me vnderstand your pleasure herein with speed / This day I received advertizement that the traitour Sir Iohn of Desmond and the Brownes of the county of limerick came to take the pray of the towne of kilmallock and having taken some cattell, a fewe horsemen with some footemen of the garrison there pursued them, reskued the pray and presently slewe Thomas Browne, with one or iij other Horsemen, wounded Vlick Browne very sore, who is said to bee dead since and took iijij horses from them. So having no farther matter to wryte for this tyme I committ your Lordship to the guyding of Almighty god. Corke xiiº March 1580

Your good Lordships as assured to commaund as any may bee, / Thomas Ormonde ossory

Copia Vera
Edmund Spenser
Note on hands
The text of this copied letter is in Spenser's regular secretary hand. Spenser has also certified the letter at the foot of the page with his usual 'Copia Vera' and signature. The letter's single endorsement is apparently a composite: the first two lines ('Copie of my L. of Ormondes lettres') are in Spenser's usual mixed hand, while the final lines ('to the Lord Deputie' and the date) are in a later mixed hand.

*Endorsement lettre* The scribe who added the last two lines of this endorsement seems to have corrected Spenser's note, deleting an original 's'. If there were originally two Ormond letters contained in this enclosure, the second was apparently lost or removed at a very early stage in the archiving of this document.

*33 weaken(es)] Damage to the manuscript here has cropped the final letters off this word; the word itself is clear enough from context, and the spelling adapted from instances in others of Spenser's letters.