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Copy of submission of MacWilliam Eighter to Sir Nicholas Malby, 1580/1

Endorsement

{...}4.

Copie of mac Williams

Sub{mission to} Sir {...}*

Text

To the right worshipfull Sir Nicholas* Malbey Knight
Gouernour of Connagh and Thomond

In most humble wise sheweth vnto your worship Richard Inyren
Burke alias mac William: Whereas vpon the Death of Sir
Iohn Burke Knight late mac William the name & lorship of 5
mac William Ewghter ought to descend & remayne vnto your
Suppliaunt* as the best and eldest of his sept according the
Custome of the countrie, which the said Richard by the persuasion
and Counsell of the Clandonelles & other vnduetifull persones
tooke vpon him, and entred into the possession of the lordship 10
rentes and reuennue thereof without her maiesties authoritie or your
Worships license And also by the like advice & persuasion of the said
euill disposed persones reteyned a nomber of Scottes and
Galloglas and ioyned with therle of Clanricardes sonnes in 15
warre and rebellion against her Maiesty And perceiuing how
much he hath bene hetherto seduced and deceived by his said
euill Counselloures and how farre he hath offended her Maiesty
& incurred her displeasure & indignacion through his said
vnduetifulnes & lewde disobedience, and that he is in no sort
hable to withstand or resist her Maiesties forces, and that also 20
by your worships travell he is driven & compelled to come in &
yield him self vnto you at her Highnes pleasure, he therefore
confesseth and acknowledgeth his said offences & ill behaueour
& is very penitent for the same and doth simply submitt him
self vnto her Maiesties mercy and to you her Chief officer in 25
this Province, by whome in her highnes behalf he is content
& willing to be ordered ruled gouerned & directed in all
thinges, acknowledging further •* that without her Maiesties further
favour & mercy he is not worthy to live vpon the earthe
He therefore most humbly besecheth your Worship to receive him 30
into her Maiesties favour and to accept this his most humble
Submission, and bee a meane for him to her Maiesty & the

Lord Deputie to graunt him her Highnes gracious pardon, and
that the said lordship may be confirmed vnto him by her
Maiesties lettres Patentes as the late mac William had yt; for
without her Maiesties allowaunce & graunt thereof he will not
take yt vpon him, nor presume more therein then he hath
doen already for the which he is hartely sorry. And he
will

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will not onely yield and answere vnto her Maiesty
all suche rentes composicions dueties and services as the
said late mac William did yield to her maiesty but also
will stand to Your Worships ordre for all thinges touching
thadvancement of her Maiesties service & quietnes of the Country
and putt away & expell the Scottes & enterteyne none
hereafter nor suffer none to come within his country
And during his life shall contynue her Maiesties faithfull
Subiect & servaunt And will daylie pray for your Worship.

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Richard Burkes alias
mac Williams marke. /

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Being present when Richard Inyren made this
Submission & deliuered the same to the aboue named
Sir Nicholas Malbey in her Maiesties behalf, we whose
names are subscribed . /

Edmond Athenry
Merbury Richard Burke
Anthony Brabazon
Teig mac William Okelly Edward White
Huberd boy mac Davie Chief &c
Robert Fowle
Richard og mac Iohnnes
William Martin William Cotton
Thomas Corres

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* **Endorsement Sir {...}**] Most of the receiver-side endorsement, on a separate slip once affixed to the copied letter, has been lost.

* **I Nicholas**] The name is written here, as in a few other places in this letter, 'Nichas'. The intention is clear, and we have chosen to expand to the usual form.

* **7 Suppliaunt•**] A terminal 'es' brevisgraph has been deleted here.

* **28 ••**] 'w^r' deleted.

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