Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my very good
frend Sir fraunces
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary
to her Maiestie. /

7 Aprill 1581
From the Lord Deputy.

Text

My lettre too 10[*] I ••••[*] haue sent heere enclosed not knowyng whow
shallbee called too the consultation, in deliuery
therfore therof,[*] vse yowr owane discretion. /

In case[*] it ••[*] bee too bee deliuered lett the   Euer yowres,
bearar haue the[*] deliuerie of it I praye yow.   Arthur Grey   *5*

Note on hands
The brief text of this letter is in Grey's characteristic italic hand, including some words in code. The address is in Spenser's usual secretary, and the endosement – presumably added later, when the letter was filed in London – in a distinct italic.

* *1* **10]** Unknown cipher.
* *1* **••••]** 'haue' deleted.
* *3* **consultation...therof]** The words 'consultation' and 'in deliuery therfore therof' in code; the recipient, presumably Walsingham, has transliterated the code above the line, character for character. (Two symbols of the code, in 'consultation' and 'therfore', have been deleted, probably by Grey; the word 'in' has not been transliterated; and the transliterator has written 'trof' above the symbols for 'throf', which we have expanded to 'therof'.)
* *4* **case]** 'case' inserted above the line, with caret mark.
* *4* **••]** 'ca' deleted.
* *5* **the]** 'the' inserted above the line, with caret mark.