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Copy of the Countess of Desmond to Ormond and the Council of Munster, undated

Endorsement

Copie of **the** Countesse
of Desmonds supplicacion
to **the** Lord Generall &
Councell of Mounster.

Text

To the righte honorable the **Lord** Gennerall
and Counsell of Mounster.

Wheras it pleased **your** Lordship (at my humble sute) to graunte me
license to repaire to **your** presence, for conference sake, **which** 5
I hope shalbe to the furtheraunce of her **Maiesties** service, and
the common quiet of this Province of Mounster. Beinge now
commen hither, my humble peticion is, that as nature tyeth
me to the Companie of my Lord, my husbnde, (who so vnhapely
is fallen into her **Maiesties** heavie displeasure;) yet my duetie 10
remembred to her **Maiestie**) not Doubtinge but her highnes (of
her greate clemency) will (vppon my moste humble sute vnto
her) haue regarde **with** mercifull eares vnto my cause I beseche
as hertofore I haue often **donne** (in hope that my travell,
maye **partlie** be a meane to brede a generall quiet vnto this 15
province, and **procure** mercie to my husbnde nowe driven to
distresse) that I may be licensed, **with** some convenient
company (to **your** wisdomes thought mete to attende on me)
to repaire into Englande, to the presence of her highnes,
and her moste honnorable Counsell to craue her mercy, and 20
to declare the miserable state, of my saide husbnde and
my self. &c ./.

I doe also beseche **your** wisdomes
that I may take my daughters
or daughter **with** me into England
or els to leave them, or her, for 25
theyr better educacion **with** my Frenedes
vntyll my retorne out of England,
she or they to remaine free, and
not as prisonners. /

Ex copia vera 30

Edmund Spenser

Note on hands

The text of the letter is in a neat and regular secretary, the same as that of 63/83/6 I (i.e. not Spenser's). The endorsement is in Spenser's mixed hand, and his certification and autograph signature appear at the foot of the text.

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