After our right hartie commendacions to your Lordship we haue sene a lettre written from your Lordship and the rest of the Counsell in that Province, concerning a peticion therinclosed exhibited by the Countesse of Desmonde in the behalf of her self and others: Whervnto you desyre the resolucion of me the Lord Deputie: And because the substaunce of her peticion is no more then heretofore she hath presented vnto Sir William Pelham, we must make that peremptorie aunswere, that he (by her Maiesties direction in writinge which some of vs have sene) gave vnto her at Asketon, namely that her Maiestie wold not allowe of her repaire into England, nor by any means suffer it in her, who (as your Lordship knoweth willfully fell from her protection, and ever since hath furdered the action as farre as any other of the conspirators. Since which resolucion of her Maiestie the treason of bringing in of straungers into this Realme by the practize of her husband, and by all coniecture much furdered by her, hath in all resonable opinion so aggravated, her former offences, as we see lesse cause nowe then before, to graunt a matter so offensive to her highnes. Besydes if her protection to come and goe saffe to your Lordship and the rest; when this peticion was exhibited, hath brought forth no other fruite then desire to be licensed to goe into England (which might aswell have ben conceived by a pece of paper or any sleight messenger, as by her self) we cannot but wonder that she was suffred to have accesse vnto the Counsell; especially for conference sake; a terme of suche arrogancie as cannot be borne vnslesse that it had fallen out vpon her speche, (which appereth not vnto vs) that her Maiesties service might haue bene furdered by it. wherof we wolde be glad to be furder auertised from your Lordship And if no suche thinge haue succeed, then we see no cause why she sholde hope of fauor vpon so arrogant a peticion made without submission or confession of her husbandes horrible
treasons and her owne. / And therfore till we may
vnderstande what she hath vttered that may tend
to her Mauesties service and the quiett of the Province
promysed in bill, we thinke it not mete (the cause
standing as it doth that she or her sister or her
Daughters, or any her dependauntes be privyledged without
speciall direction from her Maiestie, which we suppose
cannot grove without better ground whereon to
graft mercie & comiseracion then is yet apparaunt,
which we have thought good to signifie to your Lordship
lest your word or promisse sholde be any way violate or
not kept as it ought to be in all pointes: And lastly
we doe wyse that when your Lordship and the Counsell
there doe desyre our resolucions from hence, that
you wolde signifie your owne opinions touchinge the
cases yow write of wherby we might gather from
your knowledge, as eye witnesse, what were most
expedient for the service for vs to resolve vpon.
And so we committ your Lordship to God Dublin xth may 1581.

Copie of my Lord Deputies lettre & Councell answering to the Lord Generall
and Councell of Mounster.

Note on hands
The text of the letter is in the same neat and regular secretary hand as that appearing in 63/83/6/1 and /2;
the concluding endorsement is in Spenser's mixed hand (not noted by Petti). This enclosure, alone of the
three in this series, has not been certified.