

Text and Endorsement

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 petition thereinclosed
exhibited by the Countesse of Desmonde in the behalf
of her self and others: Whervnto yow desyre the 5
resolucion of me the Lord Deputie: And because the
substauce of her petition 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 10
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 15
of the conspiratours. 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 20
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
petition was exhibited, hath brought forth no other
fruite then desire to be licensed to goe into England 25
(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 vnlesse that it 30
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
aduertised from your Lordship And if no suche thinge haue
succeeded, then we see no cause why she sholde hope 35

of fauor vpon so arrogant a petition made without
submission or confession of her husbandes horrible

treasons and her owne. / And therefore till we may
vnderstande what she hath vttered that may tend
to her **Maiesties** service and the quiett of the Province 40
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 dependautes be **privyledged without**
speciall direction from her **Maiestie**, **which** we suppose 45
cannot growe **without** better ground whereon to
graftt mercie & comiseracion then is yet apparaunt,
which we haue thought good to signifye 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 50
we doe wyshe 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 wittnesses, what were most 55
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 & Counce{ll}
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.

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