Address and Endorsement

To the Right Honorable the Lords and otheres of her Maiesties {p}rivie Councell. /'

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Text

It may please your Lordships as in my laste lettres of the viij\textsuperscript{th} of Iune, I gauie your Lordships some reconing of the Successe of my iorney, till that day, So now I thincke to proceede in the same cours, to lett you vnderstande the rest whiche hathe fallen out in my retorne towerdes this cyttie: The ix\textsuperscript{th} of Iune, I departed from Wexforde, towerdes Rosse, and came thether the xj\textsuperscript{th} day, leauing my campe, vppon the skirtes of the baronye of Simolins, a countrey possessed by Oceon mac Caier Cauenaughe a confederate with the rest in this rebellion, thoughg not so malitious, as other of his surname, who as soone as he hearde of my approching that waye repaired vnto mee, desiring fauour, and pardon, and alleaging for him self, that the cheif cause of his vnduetifullnes, grew in reuenge of priuate injuries offred by the gentlemen of the countye of Wexforde; vppon his submission, and pledges, whiche he presently
put in, yt was thought meete to receaue him to grace, The like offer was made
and pledges put in, by Moroughe oge Cauenaughe, for all the Cauenaughes of
the baronye of Idron, whose pledges, weare deliuered to capten George Carew at
Leighlin: But while thes submissions weare offred, I caused the Sessions
begunne at Wexforde, to be continued at Rosse, and finding that some of the principall
gentlemen of that countye of Wexford, had confederated with the rebelles, and namely
the best of the whole shier Nicholas Deverox, who had publiquely, confessed before
mee, and the whole assembly, matter worthy deathe, I caused him to be arreigned,
and although the most part of the iurye heard his confession, and the matter so
plaine, and evidente, as yt could not be denied, yet soche was theire vnsounde dealinge
as they did most affectedlye acquite him, a plaine evidence to me how curruptly
all causes for the queene are handeled, in the absence of the gouernour, when * * in
my presence so greate an abuse was offerred: In the ende of the sessions
I receaued from therle of Ormounde, three notable malefactors, whome he had
apprehended not longe before, namely Richard Butler, base sonne to Sir Edmounde
Butler, Ferdoroghe Pursell, and his brother, very infamous for theire ill doings,
Butler, because his offences weare in parte committed within that countye, was
arreigned, and condemened ther, but his execution stayed, because I would faine
matche him, and the rest, with equall number of the Baron of Vpperosseries
wicked kinsemen, whome I expect to bee put also into my handes: / 
At my departure from Rosse, towerdes Fearnes, the remaine of the Cauenaughes

of the septe of Arteboye, offerred submission vnto me in my campe, by Donell
Spanierde theire capten (so called because he was in Spaine with Stewkeley),
but standing vpon some vnduetifull tearmes, weare not receaued, neither did they
keeepe promisse in theire retorne vnto mee: And because they had fled their
goods without danger of the Soldiours, the rather by meane of a floode suddenly
risen by an extreeme raine, they did the rather absente them selues. But
while they had theire eyes vpon me and my campe, Capten macWorthe by my
dereccion, came through the county of Caterloughe upon them, took a great praye, slewe xvj. of their men of warre, and to the number of lx of the poore people. In whiche he lost a gentleman of the countrey, one of the Garraldines (Garrett Fitzmorice) whose father, and brother, are detected of great treasons and prisoners in this castle, and he being also somewhat touched labored to recover his credit under Capten Macworthe, whiche he had done by divers services emonges the omoores, and occonnoures, and now at this encounter with the Cauenaughes lost his lief by a very smale wounde in the thighe, supposed no way mortall, or daungerous:

At my passing by Fearnes, I receaued pledges of the freeholders of the Kinsheloughe, and suspecting that imediatly after my departure, some attempt would be made upon the county of Wexford, by the sept of Artboy, I left some force there under Masterson and Sinnott, to make hedd against them who within a day, taking the Cauenaughtes, at an aduantage, slew to the number of 17. and tooke three notable prisoners, which on wednesday laste they presented vnto mee, at my campe in the Birnes countrey: And so leaving those partes in a reasonable stay of quietnes came to the border of the Glinnes the xxth day of June, encamping neere to the forte, whiche I before builde at Castle Commyn, In that place or neere vnto yt, I continued my campe till the xxvijth, euery day hunting the Glinnes, burning first all the habitacion, on the easte parte, and then put certein bandes through the Glinn, to the West parte, and burned and spoiled, all their howses, and Cabans, and brought a pray, out of the middest of the fastnes, whiche was verye desperatly defended by the space of 2. or 3. howers, but not without losse to the rebelles of some of the best of their horsemen, 10 kearn, and 30 others, and with litle hurte to ours

or none at all: In whiche meaned time Fraunces Stafforde, with the garrisons of the countye of Kildare, annoyed greatly the rebells in Shileloughe, as by the note enclosed appeareth: /
After that Feaghe mac Hughe, had founde him self, thus ernestly followed, & the garrisons planted, so were in his bosome, he wroate vnto me' trouse for peace, but his lettres so arrogante, as thoughe he would haue yt none otherwise, but to haue therle of Desmounde, and all other his confederates conteined in yt, aswell as him self, and required, that in effecte, all the rebelles of Leinster might depende vpon him, and vs whate religion he listed, In conclusioon when my victuall es failed and that I founde cause to looke somewhat into the doinges of other partes, and that I might also accomplishe the dereccion, geuen me for the publishing of the proclamacons, I setled three garrisons, the one at Artlow, the other at castle Commin, and the thirde at castle Kevan, and in eache place, 200 footemen and 50 horsse: and appoincting also two other garrisons vppon the West part of the Glinne, and directing them to observe certaine daies, and times, when eache garrison might aunswere other, ••• and attempt the Glinne in sondry places at once, I* hope that god will geue shortly suche success, as may banishe them the place, or driue them to suche a submission, as shall carrye with yt some probability of obedience heereafter, for without soche compulsarye meanes, I do not finde, that the offer of a pardon to him couldle prevale, so well confirmed is he by Rocheforde, and other popishe Instrumentes, to follow his oathe, & obedience which he hathe sworne, & vowed to the pope

While I haue bene thus occupied in this Iorney in Leinster, I heere that therle of Desmounde, hauing all the forces with him, that depended vpon the erle of Clancarre, the Barries, and all the euell disposed in Mounster was assembled, to the number of 1600 men in therle of Clancarres countrey which collonell Zouche, vnderstanding ••• thoughe bothe his owne bande and capten Caces, weare very muche dishabled, by deathe, and Sicknes, and the supply not then come vnto them, yet he resolued to seeke out the erle, and so passing from Dingle in Kerry, to castle Mange, he trauelyled all night and in the Dawning of the day, fell vpon the campe of therle, not so sodenly
but that he was a little forewarned, by suche as weare in the colonelles company,
But yt pleased god so to deale for him, as therle escaped hardely with lief, iiiij\textsuperscript{xv} of
his company slaine, whereof xvj principal gentlemen, and him self hurte, (as
yt is reported, and so scattered theire company, as they are not yet assembled
againe, as farre as I learne, The englishe in thende of the chace, encamped
in the same place, and leisarly returned to theire garrison, without enny losse
of ennye one man, but iiiij\textsuperscript{vii} horses hurte: In this enterprise, The chauuter
of Limerick, being a tall horseman, who came out of Spaine, with Iames
Fitzmorise, and one of the greatest confirmers of them in the \ldots\ popes' cause,
was slaine, by the colonell his owne handes, who is greatly lamented emonges the
rebell es, bothe for his profession, and also his aliance emongst them. / 
It hathe also pleased god to put into my handes, one Roberte Fitzmorise fitzgarrett,
a studente, that hathe ministred the oathe, to all the confederat es of Leinster, and
Mounster, who guided Iohn of Desmounde into Leinster, and wrought the vnion
bewteene him, and Feaghe mac Hughe, and being also an execucioner of greate murders
with his owne hande, did the day before he was taken, murder the vndersherif of the
countye of Dublin, and was apprehended, through the practise of Capten Macworthe
by his owne brother, the same gentleman that I declared to be slaine by the Cauenaughes
in the late iorney made by Macworth, I haue not yet had leisar to examine
him, but he remainethe close prisoner, in the castle of Dublin: /
Vppon the discharge of therle of ormounde, from the gouernment in Mounster, I addressed
thether 50 horsse, vnder the leading of Capten Norreis, and deuiding the garrisons
into diuers partes, I gau in euery parte, order to the Captens to follow the rebells in
certeine circuite. Sir William Morgan for the borders of the county\textsuperscript* of Waterforde'
and the easte parte of the country of Cork, accompanied with Capten Norris, Capten Peers
and Capten Rawleys bandes, Capten Apsley, for the parte which liethe betweene
Kinsale, and Baltimore, Sir George Bourchier, with the prouost marshalles
horsemen, and two bandes of footemen, for the plains of the county of Limerick,
and the woodes adioyning to the towne of Kilmallock, Capten Barkley for
Coniloughe, and Colonell Zouche, for Kerrye, and Desmounde, In whiche
state they are to remain, till either yt shall like hir majesty to sende
thether a presedente, or els that I may haue lesare to visit thes partes:

From Vlster, I heere for Certeine that iiij of the kinge of Scottes garde haue
brought to Turloughe Lennoughe, and to his wief presentes from the kinge, of
apparell, and other giftes, That Odonnell is sworne to aide him with men, but
not to sturre in his owne personne, and that Turloughe hathe vowed to sturre heere,
if any attempt shall be made, by Scottlande, against Englande.
Connought is very quiet, sauing orworke whose countrey hathe of late bene invaded
by Sir Nicholas Malbey, by meanes whereof, there is some likelihoode of his
submission, vpon whome yt is thought, the proclamacion now to be published of
generall pardon, may somewhat prevaile, because all his confederates within that province haue
guen him ouer, what effecte yt shall otherwise work in generality, your Lordships shall know
shortly, For that I purpose presentlye the publishinge of yt:
Lastely I haue to declare to your Lordships, that where the Mayo, and diuers of his bretheren
of Waterford, did with greate vehemency follow an accusacion, against theire Bisshop for
Sacriledge done in the churche there I called the matter in question before me at Rosse,
where all parties were presente, and by examinacion of the matter at large yt appeared
maneustely, that the bisshop was malitiously sought, bothe by the citizens and the
deane, and theire faultes being made probable vnto them, so as yt coulde not be denied
the counsell ordered, that the citizens were fined to beare the bisshps Charge of Cth markes
and by publique proclamacion to be made in all cittyes, and townes, and namely at
Waterford, in presence of the Mayo, the bisshop to be acquitted of the slauder, raised
vpon him, whereof I thought yt conveniente to enforce your Lordships: And so not
hauing farther to enlarge at this time, do comytt you to the Lorde: At Dublin
the of Iulye 1581.

Post script. In the proclamations now published, I haue Yowr Lordships most assured too
by the advise of the counsell, allowed that the Seneshall of Imokelly, may take the benifyt of the pardon, if he will, and have Arthur Grey also excepted certen other of the most notable of the rebelles ••••• and in a schedule heerewith Closed haue sente your Lordships the names of them, and added the causes, why in reason they are to be excepted, meaning neuerthelese (vnlesse your Lordships shall geve order to the contrary) vpon theire submissions to receaue some of them to grace.
Note on hands
The main text of this letter is in a compact and very regular secretary hand (not Spenser's); the subscription and signature are Grey's. The address is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, and he seems to have added the words 'Post script' to the main text of the letter in his distinctive italic. The final element of the endorsement ('my Lords', printed here under the endorsement) appears to be in Grey's hand, and probably represents a note left for Spenser, who sealed and addressed the letter.

* Address {p}rivie Councell /] the removal of the letter's seal has defaced this corner of the address.
* 23 •• Something similar to 'in' deleted.
* 69 me] 'me' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 80 once, I] 'and' deleted, a comma added after 'other', and the long phrase 'and attempt...once, I' inserted above the line, with a caret mark. This is clearly a case of eyeskip during scribal copying.
* 90 ••] 'bo' deleted.
* 103 попес] 'queenes' deleted, and 'popes' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 118 the county] Because 'the' and 'county' have been placed so close together, a light slash (not reproduced here) has been inserted in the manuscript to divide them.
* 118 Waterforde) Original 'Wexforde' has been overwritten as 'Waterforde'.
* 125 ••] 'kik' deleted.
* 149 the of Iulye 1581.] A space has been left here for the insertion of the day, which was not subsequently added.
* 155 ••] 'andin' deleted.

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