

**NA (PRO) SP 63/84/14**  
*Grey to Walsingham, 10 July 1581*

**Address and Endorsements**

For her Maiesties speciall affaires  
To the Honorable  
my especiall good  
frend Sir Fraunces  
Walsingham Knight  
Chief Secretary  
to her Maiestie. /

Hast hast post  
hast for lyfe.

Lords at Dublin  
the x<sup>th</sup> of Iulie  
Edmund Spenser. /

x<sup>o</sup> Iulij 1581  
From the Lord Deputie to mr  
Secretary Walsingham

**Text**

Sir, vpon occasion of certein aduertizementes lately  
received concerning a bickering betwene Tirlagh  
and Odonell I have written vnto my Lords for the present  
supplying of vs with money, whereof wee are here  
vterly destitute, without the which all the service here 5  
is like to fall to grownd. Wherefore praying you  
very instantly to vrge their Lordships with the due  
consideracion of the present extremitie, and withall  
to hasten the expedicion thereof, what in you lyeth 10  
I committ you to the goodnes of the Highest.  
Dublin. / the x<sup>th</sup> of Iulie. 1581. /

By my next yow shall Yowrs most assuredly  
haue awnsswer\* of the letters receaued  
••\* from yow with examynacyons & oother Arthur Grey  
Instructions tootchyng the erl of 15  
Killdare & oother prisoners heere: I receaued that packet  
the viij<sup>th</sup> of this present.

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**Note on hands**

The main part of the letter, with its address (surely the most arresting of all the addresses in this collection), is in Spenser's usual secretary hand, the only exceptions being the phrases 'For her Maiesties speciall affaires', and 'Hast hast post hast for lyfe', which are in Spenser's italic hand, and of course his signature, which is in the usual ornate italic form. Grey has added the subscription, signature, and postscript in his own hand. The endorsement is in the same chunky secretary hand as that of 63/84/13.

\* **13 awnsswer]** 'awnsswer' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

\* **14 ••]** 'of' deleted.

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