Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my especiall good
frend Sir Fraunces
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary
to her Maiesty. /

July ,5. 1581
From the Lord Deputy.
Mr Secretary

Text

Sir, I thought good vppon retourne now too guyue my Lords there
counte of the rest of my iorney the beeginnyng wherof from
Waxforde I aduertysed; for that theryfare & oother accid
ts of this state* I wyll refer yow too that letter.
Beesydes yowr owane friendely •* admonishement, * I receaued
a message by Ned Denny from her maiesties sellf, that guaue mee
too unnderstande the opinion shee cariethe of the seruice doonne
heere & her dislyke for the same: theryupon I haue taken
occasion too wryte vs too her, & followyng yowr aduyce too
so ryghtly hyttyng with myne owane dezyre beesydes iust
cause, doo •* vrdge as boaldly, as dutie maye beare, my
callyng hoame; the letters Copie, I send yow heerw
with, earnestly
prayeng yow too hoald too mee in •* yt, for I accounte it
the neerest cause that euer I haue had or maye haue too trye
freendshyp in. I haue no less ernestly wrytten too my Lord of
Leacester abowght it, whow I dwght not but* wyll ioyne with yow,
I perceae no seruyce wyll with her maiestie & sum oothers there*
bee reckned of vnless they myght all at attonece
in a pitffawle bee clapped vp, which vnless it myght
pleaze God by miracle too woorck as hee dyd by the Cana=20
nites toowrades the Israelites, it passies my skyll too
coompass; but if equall judgement myght looke
into it, the tyme & manner of cuntrie seruyce withall
wayed, I dwght not but the seruicies doonne would
sufficiently grace the minister & declare the good fa=
uoure that God hathe borne hym: but lett it goe,* I seeke

not ••", but with my frendes, too haue it better thought of, too hym yet wyll I bee thanckfull, & take it withall for no small good that I am thus thancklessly requyted. Beecause I perceau 324." too bee one of that sect & hauyng occasion abowght mooney & vittayle too wryte vnto hym, I haue discoured sumwhat therof & knytt it

vp with request of his furtherance for my re=moue: I haue lykewyze wrytten to 10 by a man of hys owane, wherein I could not forbeare a lyttle too glaunce at this pardoon, & in the end doo

***" lykewyze craue hys healp for my callyng hoame. I am ryght glad that yow arre so wyll •* ryd of the" fre=ntche", god send mee as fayre riddance of the Irishe. I haue taken order for the staye of the barck Roe of Newcastle in case shee cumme into these quarters. Healp ••" vs too sum mooney for gods sake for all is now gon & owte of the treasure, neyther freendshyp nor pawne can •* gett a penny heere. /

Lastly & agayne commendyng vntoo yow my coomyng hoame, I beequeathe yow too the Keepyng, direction, & prossperyng of owre allmyghtie God. Dublin this 5th of Iulye 1581.

Captayne Hoordes bande was so Yowrs most assured 

wasted with sicknes as it was not euer, 

possyble too bee supplyed & therfor at hys owane request was Arthur Grey 
cased, but hymself I haue 

•••••••" retayned in pencion of Captaynes paye & oother pleazure that lyethe in mee too sheowe hee shall not want for my Ladies sake, whoswe Captayne, by Ned Denny, I perceau, hee is. / I beeseetche yow bee fauorable too owre sute in the powre Bisshop of Dublins beehallf, whow ootherwyze dow=ghtless wyll rest hard beested. /
Note on hands
The text of the letter, including the subscription and autograph signature, is throughout in Grey's characteristic italic hand, while the address is written in Spenser's usual secretary.

* 4 state] 'state' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 5 *] 'd' deleted.
* 5 admonishment] An extra minim appears in the second 'm' in this word.
* 11 ••] 'as' deleted.
* 13 ••] 'in' deleted.
* 16 not but] 'not but' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 17 there] 'there' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 26 goes,] 'goe,' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 27 ••] 'to' deleted.
* 30 324] Unknown cipher.
* 37 •••] 'see' deleted.
* 39 •] single character blotted.
* 39 the] 'ye' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
* 39-40 frentche] 'frentche' in code (not transliterated; this reading supplied by comparison with instances of the same code in other letters).
* 43 ••] 'to' deleted.
* 45 •] 'a' deleted.
* 55 •••••••] 'repayer' deleted.

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