

**NA (PRO) SP 63/85/37**  
*Grey to the Privy Council, 12 September 1581*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the right Honorable the **Lords** and others of her Highnes privie Councell./

**Lords**

12 September 1581  
From **the Lord** Deputy  
on the behalfe of mr  
Parker.\*

**Text**

It may please your **Lordships** This gentleman Mr Parker, was appointed by his vncler **Sir** William Pelham in the time of his gouernemente, to haue the garde of the Castle of Asketin in Mounster, wherein he continued till now of late that **with** my allowaunce, yt was comytted to Capten Barkelye, vpon some speciall causes, that moued this bearer, to surrender his charge, and to **departe** into Englande, And like as while he had the charge of the peece, he did **preserve** yt, according to the truste comytted, not**with**standing that yt was often attempted by the rebelles, and in greate **perill** to haue bene surprised, if yt had not bene manfully defended So because that **service**, and other of his good demeanures are groundes\* of good hope of his farther **desertes** heereafter, the rather because

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in so smale experience before his Coming hether, he hathe shewed so muche valuer,  
I am to intreate your Lordships to take knowlege of this his good beginninges, and to make  
reporte of yt to hir maiesty to his farther Credyt, as occacon may serve, And  
so I leaue him to your Lordships fauours: At Dublyn the xij<sup>th</sup> of September  
1581

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Yowr Lordships most assured  
to Commaund,

Arthur Grey

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**Note on hands**

The text of the letter is written in a regular secretary hand (not Spenser's). The subscription and signature are in Grey's own hand, while the address is clearly Spenser's characteristically bold secretary. The endorsement, like the false endorsement (see below), is in a later hand, presumably added when the letter was being filed in Westminster.

\* **Endorsement**] A second endorsement appears on the back of the letter, but is apparently the beginning of a mistaken precis by the secretary charged with filing the letters in Westminster. It reads, 'lords 12 September 1581 From Sir William Pelham'.

\* **10 groundes**] As in other letters written in this hand, the scribe has here added a terminal 'es' brevigraph after the 'e'--in effect, writing 'groundees'. As this inconsistency is a relatively common feature of the hand, we have chosen here, as elsewhere, to interpret the combination of 'e' plus brevigraph as equivalent to the brevigraph on its own, and have represented both by terminal 'es'.

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