To the right Honorable my very good
Lord the Lord Burghley
Lord High Threasurer
of England yeue
this

12. January \textit{1581.}

Lord Deputie of Ireland to my Lord

Mr Rawlies vnskilfulnes in setting
downe a plott to lesser hir
Maiesties expences.

Blandes slacknes in sending of
victels into Munster.

Io\textsc{h}n of Desmondes death.

\textbf{Text}

My very good Lord having lately received aduertizement of a Plott deliuered by Captein Rawley vnto her Maiesty for the lessening of her charges here in the Province of Mounster & disposing of the Garrizons according to the same, the matter at the first indeed offering a very plausible shewe of thrifte and Commoditie, might easily occasion her Maiestie to thinck, that I haue not so carefully as beheved looked into the state of that cause & the search of her Maiesties proffitt. Wherefore having with some of the best advised of the Councell here entred into consideracion thereof, & perceiving many inconveniences with some impossibilities in the accomplishment thereof, we have (as by our generall lettre to her Maiestie herewith sent you may perceive) layd downe owre iudgem\textit{entes} & opinions thereof: \textit{which} when yt shall come vnto your Lordships deeper consultacion, I doubt not, but you will soone discerne a differens betwene the iudgement\textit{es} of those, \textit{which with} grounded experience & approved reason looke into the condicion
of things, and those which upon no ground but seeming fancies & affecting credit with benefit frame Plottes vpon impossibilities for otheres to execute. And so trusting that your Lordship with the rest will esteeme of both, for the rest I will referre you to those reasons, which we haue in our said lettre layd before her Maistie. Furthermore, I haue to complayne vnto your Lordship (whose onely redresse I looke for in theise matteres) of the great sclacknes & default of Bland, in sending ouer of the supplies of victelles into Mounster, whereof the proporciouns are comenly so sclender, (as I am informed from the Surveyour of the vicetelles there) as that all those garrisons thereby are very miserably distressed, & almost ytterly starved to the very great hinderaunce of the service.

And yet I doubt not but he informeth your Lordship farre otherwise: and therefore I earnestly pray your Lordship too looke into the speedy redresse thereof. Lastely whereas my Lord Chauncellour & your Lordship haue written vnto me touching my payment of the Subsidie I haue accordingly taken order for th'answering thereof. And so for the present committing your Lordship to the goodnes of th'Almighty, I hartely take leave Dublin. the xij\textsuperscript{th} of Januarie 1581

Your good Lordships assured to commaund
Arthur Grey

It hathe pleazed God too guyue Ihon Zowtche the kyllyng of Ihon of Desmond that Artche rebelle & traytor, I hard of it iij dayes past but this nyght I receaued the certyayne confirmation therof, & with hym hathe taken an oother notorius knaue called James Fitz Ihon of Strangalie: the newes I trust wyll not dislyke yowr Lordship as well in the pryuate bee= allf of yowr powre kinsmans good hap as of the common good, neyther wyll yowr Lordship, I hoape spare, too aduaunce the due commendation of the endeouore too her Maiestie.
Note on hands
The text of the letter, address, and subscription are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand; the signature
and postscript are in Grey's italic hand. The endorsement, probably added during the filing of the letter in
London, is in a distinct hand.

*24 rest] The letter 't' appears to have been deleted.

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