Address and Endorsement

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

Mr Secretary
27 January 1582
The Lord Gray.
Lords

Text

Sir, the xx\textsuperscript{th} of this moonethe I receaued yowr letters with
a Copie of her Maiesties for reducyng of the whoale
garrison heere too 3000. the accomplyschyng
wherof I presenty entered into as a booke
heerwith sent shall particularly sheowe the
same: * The xxiii\textsuperscript{th} after Ritch arryued with the orig=
inall of the forsaid Copie & oother yowr letters of the
xij\textsuperscript{th} of December; by first & last of which I fynde
what ientle enformations arre made of mee &
how eazely her Maiestie is caryed too conceaue the hard=
liest of mee, well my God is yet styll where
hee was & my rest as euer onely on Hym; yowrsellf
I greatly thanck for the warnyng, & yowr aduyce
I haue followed in wryghtyng to her Maiestie the
Copie wherof I allso send yow, & therfore too yowr
sellf wyll no further stande in my cleering for
the guyftes I am charged with; A note therof
I thought necessarie too beetake vnto yow that
my faulte at once, if there bee any, myght
appeere & receaue judgement: * a forme lyke=
wyze of the Custodiams I send wherby it maye
appeere whyther the guyftes bee so free & withowte
proffitt to her maiestie as the enformation woold
affirme; but the best is her maiestie maye chooze
whyther the guyftes shall stande or no of the landes
& as for the goods, in God's name, if they shall be thought so great a matter let them be turned vpon my own head & verifie scripture, hee that hath the lyttele et cetera: ****:and* for the great studerries

that I shulld guyue, I woonnder wherupon it is ment, truly Sir I neuer yet hard of any sutche petition, neyther doo I knowe of any of these pale rebells that hath a stud of vj mares, & for the Irisshe, if it were a stud of 1000: the partie that wouold fetche them myght very well dezerue them; but Lord what inuentions ar these, in trowthe they offend mee not so moostche in my own behalflf, as that any sutche shulld haue the da= ryng too abuse so her Hyghnes eares & beeleeuff:

Further that the Captaynes here shuld bee in dislyke with mee for my guyuyng to oother & beastowyng nothyng on them; truly myself could yet neuer fynde any sutche lykelyhood, too the con= trarie, it hath been heere my chyeffest coom=

forte lykynge & wylyngnes that I haue ••" tried in them towards mee; neyther is there allm=
ost a Captayne or officer of note heere that hath not tasted of rewarde from mee how so euer my masters he enfourmers pleaze too certifie, well my God I thanck that hoaldes my steps from far= ther awrye: But in deede my state is hard, I serued onely for my Princies fauoure & my Cuntries good, the one I haue lost, the oother lyttele ayauyed in; my self in pryuate condition half vndoon,

**** add to this that not one of my assocyats*
I can bynde vpon, thoughe cause I knowe noane, vnless it bee that" so many shrappes" fall not too ••••• thier shares* as woonnt was & no small pleazure I am sure it dyd them
to finde* by yowr letters* that 60" was so moostche offended* with mee*
I perceau by oothers pryuate letters from hym that 324* is a greate ***** observer* & fawltfynder with thynges heere; I neyther waye it, nor dought but too
bee found ever honest & iust in dealyn
then hymself & so I leaue hym, onely
I wysshe of God that hee would bee my chardeer
face too face beefore her Maiestie & the rest of yow.
In a letter to 111° hee fyndes fyrst fawle with the
beestowyng of the landes, as yf they had been all
guyuen awaye in feesymple, next at the chardege
of the pensioners as thowghe the same were alltoo=
geather my default, where how lyttle therin I
am too bee tooocht my late aduertissement by Sir Nycholas
Mallbye declares, & heere fursoothe a specyall note
hee makes of hys seejing of them there in England, as
thowghe it were an vnwoonted thynge ••••
a lenterman seruyng heere too haue lycence for a
tyme too repayre ouer, & yet truly Sir I dare
auowe that ••••° by° my passporte there were neuer
twoo pensioners seene there attonece; lastly
hee falls into a detestation of this place & termes
it a gulf of consumyng threazure, as in deede
truely hee maye, & the more thowghe hys good
meanes & aduyce, for which if repentance & Gods
mercies beefall not the greater hys soale wyll
awnsswer in the gullff of hell.
Amongst these dischardgies Ned Dennie
is one; & if now hee bee putt from the Custo=
diams that I haue guyuen hym it wyll
go hard with hym; I wysshed too hym aliso
an oother thynge if it had stoode in my
guyft, which myght in deede doo hym sum
good the oothers beeung but very tryffles;
it is the abbey of Fowre in westmethe
werof my Lord of Delluyn hathe by lease
onlye an estate of ••° three or xxiiij yeares:
gett it for hym Sir & hee shall haue good
cause too thynck yow freend hym: In the
rest if the discreddt bee layed vppon mee that
the grawntes maye not stande; healp yet
what yow maye that Ihon Dyue & Warrham
St linger maye haue theyrs & the bonde of the
benefitt too yow shall bee myne. ••••°
I long now to heare of the resolution of the
plott yow wrote of: but whyther that fall
owte or no, I beeseetche yow forgett nott
my plott •••••• too bee taken from this
miserable place; which obtayned my earthely blyss
restored I shall accounte.
The Baron of Dungannon this oother weeke •••• dyd*
a seruyce of greate importance, in takyng one
Ihon Cusacke the princypall practizer in this

last consspiracie, the aduyce & perswasion of Sir
edward Moore was no small furtherance therof
I praye yow therfore haue mynde of that that by
Ned Denny in hys beehallff I requested; &
if miserie drowned not ryght & pollicie, it
were requysite that the Baron had a fee farme of
a hundrethe marckes or poundes of those landes
that by this meanes wyll bee browght too her
Maisties handes; hysself meanethe, if God lett
not shortly too repayre ouer, & then my thowg=
hroghe commendation hee shall haue,’ thowghe per=
chaunce hys speede bee the woors for it./
Now too the partie apprehended; hee reuealethe mootche
& yet is not halff sease ouer, the particulares of the
matter prezent tyme woould not suffre too bee
emparted, a note of theyr names that hee hathe
detected allreadie heerw with is sent:
the Lord & Lady of Deluin* hee vtterly con=
fowndes: & whowme beesydes hee tootchethe
the* parable enclozed wyl sheowe*
yet too mee it seemes not of any reguard in 10’
behallff, but rather a forgerie of deluin*
too encourage the rest by the hope of* 10.*
vnsowght or vnthowght of it was delyuered & so
yow haue it too vze at yowr owane’ best discretion, myne opi=
nion I haue said of it.
There arre Sir Lucas & Sir Robart Dillons with Sir Ihon
Plunckett that haue & doo styll dischardge the partes

of zelus & vpryght seruantes for shame lett
them taste of sum rewarde beesydes woordes in
the disposition of these esscheated landes.
And lastly Sir I beeseetche yowgett mee warrant
for my due entertainement, & thowghe no gayne
maye bee affourded mee or myne, yet for Gods
sake lett not my ryght bee withheald, yet take mee awaye quycly & guyue mee what yee lyst.
The allmyghtie God euer keepe, guyde & bless yow. Dublin xxvijth of January 1581.

Yowrs most assuredly euer,

Arthur Grey

I fynde by letters from my lady* of lincolne* that the cause of 76* continuance in this sorte is long of my not ad=
ueertising the state of * his cause; wherin as I am wrong conceaued of, so I praye yow that I maye bee cleered by yow as occasion serueth; all my knowledge & presumtion is long since & sundrie tymes delyue= red, neyther doo I fynde, if that serue not any thyng of new too tootche hym* neyther doo I thynck it amyss that hee* were called ouer.* James Fitz Christopher there yow arre to see well looked too for greate matter is lyke too fall owte agaynst hym, & if Ihon Cusacke saye trowthe there wyll not one honest Nugent bee fownde heere.

As I was sealyng vp heerof yowr packett of the xxth of this date came vnto mee, wherin I fynde noth-ynyng requyres awnsswer* in these not tootched; & as for the oother entended dischardge, a Gods name, lett it coome, there shall no more any bones bee made at ••••* it, & then Caueat ademptor, is all the care I wyll take: good Sir, stykke hard the iron whyllst I perceauue it is hott now, for my callyng hoame, the lyttle hoape wherof that these yowr letters browght mee, made mee eate my supper with a better appetite then at any meale these twoo moonethes past I had, a thowzande thanckes I render for the newes, onely feare of a cosnerlyng carde by the next beereaues the full coomfort of the ioye, but perfect it •••* good Sir, I wyll not bee vnthanckfull
Note on hands
The text and subscription of this letter are in Grey's characteristic italic hand, and the signature is his customary mark. Spenser's usual secretary hand appears in the address; the endorsement, added upon filing of the letter in London, is in a distinct, later italic.

* same: ] Immediately to the left of this word, and on three further occasions on the same page, oblique lines appear in the left margin. These (occasionally accompanied by the word 'wanting', and keyed to underlinings in the text of the letter) appear to be marks added to the manuscript much later, probably during the extensive Victorian cataloguing process that resulted in the indispensable Calendars. Because these marks are not contemporary, we have chosen to ignore them here, and later in this letter. Where they occur in other letters, they are similarly noted and dismissed.

* ] single character deleted, possibly '&'.

* * * * * * * ] 'and' inserted above the line, with a caret mark, above a single-word deletion of four or five characters (possibly 'next').

* * ] 'ty' deleted.

* * * * * * * ] 't' &', and two or three other characters (illegible), deleted.

* * assocycats* ] in code, not transliterated. Here, and in subsequent instances of untransliterated code in this letter, we have supplied readings based on examples of transliterated code elsewhere in the series.

* * that* ] 'that' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* * shrappe* ] in code, not transliterated.

* * * * * * * ] 'theyr' deleted, and carefully concealed with flourishing strokes.

* * thier shares* ] in code, not transliterated.

* * * * * * * ] 'them...finde' in code, not transliterated.

* * your letters* ] in code, not transliterated.

* * 60* ] Grey's usual cipher for Queen Elizabeth.

* * offended* ] in code, not transliterated.

* * mee* ] in code, not transliterated.

* * * * * * * ] 'theyr' deleted, and carefully concealed with flourishing strokes.

* * * * * * * ] 'that' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* * ] 'xx' deleted.

* * * * * * * ] 'theyr' deleted, and carefully concealed with flourishing strokes.

* * * * * * * ] 'I since' deleted.

* * * * * * * ] 'I long' deleted.

* * * * * * * ] single word deleted: 'da...e'.

* * * * * * * ] single word deleted, and 'd' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* * * * * * * ] single word deleted, and 'd' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* * * * * * * ] single word deleted, and 'd' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* * * * * * * ] single word deleted, and 'd' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

* * haue* ] haue' inserted above the line, with caret mark.

* * * * * * * ] 'the Lord & Lady of Deluin' in code, not transliterated (the actual code reads 'the L and La of...').

* * hee toothchethe the* ] in code, not transliterated.

* * * * * * * ] 'enclozed wyl sheowe' in code, not transliterated.

* * * * * * * ] unknown cipher.

* * * * * * * ] unknown cipher.

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* * * * * * * ] unknown cipher.

* * * * * * * ] unknown cipher.

* * * * * * * ] unknown cipher.
called ouer] in code, not transliterated.
*'] 's' deleted.
••••] 'then' deleted.
•••] 'god' deleted.

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