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Grey to Walsingham, 14 March 1581/2

Address and Endorsement

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

14 Marche 1581
The Lord Deputye

Text

Sir, I send now vntoo yow certayne examinations
according the Note heerin encloazed. It wyll, I
thynck; eazely appeere whyther the Lord of Delluyn bee
so cleere & sownde a man as sum there woold defend
& haue hym thought too bee. These confessions
myght allso sufficiently enfourme the fastnes of
roote & Hydras head that this rebellion had gotten,
& therby sum iudgementt gathered of the eazines of
the woorck, & dew reguarde that the peryll woold
haue requyred, but settled wyll, I perceaue, wyll
neyther affourde creditt too the one nor preuentyng in
the oother, & so God speede it. 5

I fynde by letters from Ihon Zowtche, that wheras the rebels
there were brought too great exigents & euerie
daye lyghtly one bringging in an oothers head for
hys owane saftie & pardoone; vpon this greate
discharge the case is so alltered as not onely theyr
seruyce & seeking of grace is left, but new
myndes & hartts taken, they growe too reconciliation
amongst themsellues & making assemblies gather
too new & stronger forcies; Sir Warham St Linger certi=
fiethe the same. I wryte not this that I woold
haue it emparked too her Maiestie & Councell •• for* that I
••••* knowe it wyll but bee taken a dryft too
putt her too new chardgies & no oother accounte
made of it; the chieffiest cause of my certifying
it, next too myne owane disservice, is •* my care
of the ientleman that I committed too the gouernment,
whowse well dooyng & creditt is as myne owane deere
vnto mee; hee hathe heetherto & so long as power was 20
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affoured hym, sheowed no small endeouour &
 ••••* sufficiencie, **the which** allso it hathe pleased
 God not meanly too bless; I perceau by hym
that, as hee is now left, hee can not onely not serue,
 but hardly shunne •* inconuenience: hee earnestly
 requyrethe too bee taken from **the** place, neyther wyll
 hee staye in this lande after mee: loouyng hym as
 I doo & fynding reason in hys request I can
 not but assent vnto it, allthowghe **withowte** sum
 healp by **yowr** meanes my chieff dutie wyll not
 permitt mee too satisfie boathe hys & myne
 owane dezyre, not hauyng heere any sufficient
 man too beetake **the** chardge vnto, but **Sir Warham**
St Linger (whowme, in deede I hoald, as **the** coursse
 of gouernment must now goe, I meane, by tempo=
 rizing, too bee a mootche meeter instrument)
 and hym **withowte** sum direction from thence I can
 not putt too it, hyssellf hauyng wrytten vnto
 mee, **that** hee wyll rather lye by the heeles, then
 serue in it as now it standes: I praye yow
 yet **Sir**, & **that** moast earnestly, •••••* **with** speede too
 procure eyther from thence sum one too bee sent,
 or els direction too mysellf too appoynt thyther
 sum oother **that** mysellf **with the** Councell heere shall
 thynck meete, haue mynde heerof I beeseetche
 yow./
 I long now too heare from yow nourished **with** good
 hoape then too receaue **the** certaynetie of my callyng
 hoame according too **the** promiss of **yowr** last.

I praye yow dispatche **Sir Nicholas Mallbie** awaye
that her **Hyghnes** order for this gouernment maye bee had,*
 as hersellf & my **Lords** in theyr last signified,
 ootherwyze sure it wyll not goe well, for this
 supplicatorie & vncertayne rule can not last long.
 Remember I praye yow **Sir Robert Dillons** sute: **sir**
Lucas hoaldethe styll on his zelus seruyce, God
 grawnte hys reward maye bee but too **the** hallf of
 hys dezert. My request for **Sir Edward Moore** I
 praye yow lett bee thought of; & **the Baron** of
Dungannon. Twoo or three woordes from **yowrsellf**
 in her **Maiesties** name too **the Bisshop** of meathe in tha=
 nckes of hys dutiefull & feruent •••••••* trauayle* in **the**
 detection of these consspiracies & oother seruicies **that**
 hee hathe been employed in, woold greatly coomforte
the good Oald man & bee iustly beestowed.
 The **numbers** appoynted arre now all cassed but yet

not ryd owte of **the** lande for want of mooney,
esspeyally those of **the** west, whow could not for
diuers causies bee sent too Chester for theyr paye,
neuertheless, sutche order is taken **that** her Maiesties 80
chardge shall bee no greater then **the** paye of
theyr cease in **the** townes where they laye after
theyr dischardge tyll theyr recknynges were made
& they dispatched ouer. /
Surely if better Order bee not taken for •* vittayling 85
the garrisoones •* & wardes of **the** west must eyther
starue or bee abandoned; there not remaynyng at neyther
Corck nor Limbrick so mootche corne or oother vittayle as wyll

serue one hundrethe men a weeke, & **the** Cuntrie so 90
bare as no relieff there is too bee expected.
The plague waxethe very hott in Corck.
And there is Ihon Zowtches chyeffiest aboade
which makes mee **the** greediar to haue **hym** awaye. /
Too end with, **that** It maye bee **the** better remembered I 95
commend vnto yow myne owane dispatche hence,
& so doo praye **the** Allmyghtie God euer too
keepe & bless yow. Dublin **the** xiiijth of Martche.
1581.

It were very con= Yowrs moast assured,
uenient **that** Rose 100
Breningheam **the** Lord Arthur Grey
of Delluins wooman
& Iames Browne
her seruant were taken
•* & examined. / 105

Note on hands

The text of the letter, including subscription, signature, and postscript, is in Grey's usual hand. The address is in Spenser's usual secretary hand, and the endorsement in a later hand, presumably added during filing of the letter in London.

- * **23 •• for]** 'as' deleted, 'for' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **24 •••••]** 'deeme' deleted.
- * **27 •]** 'c' deleted.
- * **32 •••]** 'grea' (?) deleted.
- * **35 •]** single-character deletion.
- * **51 •••••]** 'eyther' (?) deleted.
- * **61 had]** 'had' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **72 •••••• trauayle]** 'seruyce' deleted and 'trauayle' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
- * **85 •]** 'y^e' deleted.
- * **86 •]** illegible single-character deletion.
- * **105 ••]** 'se' (?) deleted.

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