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Grey et al. to the Privy Council, 28 March 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honora
ble our very good Lords
and others of her
Highnes privy Councill

Lords
28 Marche 1582
The Lord Deputy and Councill
on the behalfe of
Thirst.

Text

Yt may please your Lordships this bearer Iohn Thirst
late Ensigne vnto Captein Dowdhall having nowe
many yeares served her Maiesty in this Realme, and
alwaies with very good endeavour & forwardnes discharged
the partes of a tall Soldier, is now thereby become 5
lame & gretly* enfeebled in his body. By meanes whereof
being altogether dishabled from service, & otherwise
quite vnprovided of living, He hath bene humble sut{our}*
vnto vs to recommend his present hard estate vnto {your}
Lordships wherevpon we humbly beseech your Lordships tha{t} 10
such favorable Consideracion may be had of hi{s ex-}
tremity, as that thereby both others may bee e{nco}
raged to contynue their good service, & this {...}
eternally bownden to pray for your Lordships long lyf{e &}
happines. And so remitting him to your Lordships {...} 15
consideracion, we humbly take leave. D{ublin}
the xxviith of March. 1581 . /

Your good Lordships assured to Comm{aund}

Arthur Grey

Adam Dublin cancellarius 20

Henry Wallop Robert Dillon Nicholas white

Edward Waterhous:
Geffray Fenton

Note on hands

The address and the text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. Grey and his council have added their signatures. The endorsement is in a rough mixed hand, and was presumably added later, when the letter was being filed in London.

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

* **8 sut{our}**] damage to the right side of the manuscript has obscured the end of this line, and of succeeding lines down the rest of the page.

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