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Grey to Walsingham, 4 April 1582.

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my especiall good Frend Sir Fraunces Walsingham Knight Chief Secretary to her Maiesty. /

4 April 1582 The Lord Deputye. On the behalfe of mr Patrick Barnwall

Text

Sir, the gentleman this bearer, who hath lately by marriage allied him self to my good frend Sir Nicholas Bagnoll & is sonne in law to Sir Lucas Dillon being now to repaire into England hath desyred my lettres in his favour to some of my •* speciall frendes there, the rather 5 for that the miscarriage of his Countrymen here might happely, without some knowledg of him otherwise deliuered, worke his discreditt amongst the rest. Truly Sir there are in the gentleman sondry good partes, & in all this rebellious Accion I cannot perceive that he could any waies 10 bee touched, for the which he deserveth to be favored; Neuerthelesse yt is thought that he is not all of the soundest in Religion, which I having Charged him with & vsed some persuasions with him to the contrary, he hath constantly denyed. Wherefore yf by his demeanure 15 & conversacion there, he shall make good the same, I shall desyre you to yield him in all his affaires what favour & countenance you may, the rather for his good Frendes sake. And so with my very harty Commendations, I leave you to Almighty god. At 20 Trymme, the iiijth of Aprill. 1582. /

Youres most assuredly,

Arthur Grey

Note on hands

The text and address are written in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. Grey has supplied his usual signature. The endorsement, presumably added upon receipt and filing of the letter in London, is in a distinct hand.

* 5 •] 'g' deleted.

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