Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my most assured
good Frend Sir
Fraunces walsingham
Knight Chief Secretary to her Maiestie.

8 April 1582
The Lord Deputye.
mr Secretary

Text

Sir, yowr letters of the 24th of the last I receaued the second of {this}\
date, the which heethertoo I forbare too saye any thyng too as
well for that they contayned nothyng that requyred any
haste of awnsswer, as allso that the morroghe vppon theyr
••‘ receyte I was too take a iourney into Meathe for
the hoalding of a cession for the tryall of Nycholas
Nugent late Iustice of the Common please heere & Edward
Cusake of Lissmoullen, intentlemen boathe of no small
recknyng in the cuntrie; I doo now certifie my Lords there
at sum lengthe of the manner & issue of owre pro-
ceedinges in that cession; I wyll therfore heere saye no
more of it but that they were boathe condemned, Nicholas
executed, & the oother saued.
I fynde by these yowr letters the former aduertissments from oother
my freendes concernyng her Maiesties resolution for my yet abydyng
heere confirmed; I muse not a lyttle of it, for consideryng
the greate dislyke her Hyghnes hathe sheowed too conceaue
of my seruyce, ••‘ greate reazon I cauht of assured hoape
too haue been deluyered of it, & no oother cause of the alteration
can I settle but onely that of Pamphilius, Cum nemini obtrudi
potest itur ad me, Well I am in deede tyed too the stake,
pleasure now I must attende, ootherwyze sure if I were from
it, I woud rather bee duryng lyeff a pryzoner then ••‘ re
tourne too it agayne; and ••‘ yet with the yll as‘ yow guyue mee sum
coomforte that yow wyll not yet guyue it ouer so (which many
thanckes I yeeld yow for) so I earnestly requyre yow earnestly
too followe it, & good Sir lett it bee made knowen too her Maiesty that I am utterly vnable any longer too hoald it owte, trauyle my bodie & care my mynde haue so owteworne; too doo good is desperat, purchace of disgrace is assured. / 30

yow wryte that I shulld now receaue letters from my Lords for allowance of sum conduct money too the dischartged coompanies, I haue yet* seene noane sutche, beesydes that they had now coome too late, all beeing dispatched allreadie with less chardge, wherein I haue played, I trowe, the pretie husbande. 35

I send yow moe aduertissments owte of Munster & Vllster, whyther they meane sporte or good earnest too yowr considerations there I leaue them, as they coome too mee so I beetakethem vntoo yow, saue mee from blame in the euent, that is onely my care & request. 40

The daye after Ihon Zowtche his departure hence which was on thursdaye last the letter from Sir Warram St Linger came too mee, the which I thought good too send yow boathe {...} better taste vnto yow of that prouince, as alalso that {...} myght see how his opinion hoaldes with theyrs there that wyll vndertake with 5C or 600, too defende the cuntrie & doo meruayles in enterpryzies beesydes. 45

The Connors growe in these partes too sum pryde & strengthe temporising with them by reazon of this dischardge & many* of the same beeing fallen vnto them is cause of it; I.meane presently, God wyllyng, too vizitt them myself, the woorck wherof with Gods fauoure I greatly account not of. 50

Apprehensions, examinations, tryalls & Commissions of enquyrie abowte these late detected Consspirators haue caused that the landes could not yet bee surueyed & so not valewed; heere therfore hathe been the staye of the certificat, when it shall coome forgett not I praye yow Sir Lucas & Sir Robert Dillon. I can gett no awnsswer from yow in my sute for Sir Edward Moore: It is moast necessarie that Ihon Zowtche, hys governmment wayed shuld bee of the councell, I praye yow therfore by yowr next lett mee receaue direction for boathe. 55

I thanck yow for remembrefing the Bisshop of Meathe, & my Coozin Garrett.

Lastly vrged by extremitie for mysellf I must sue; Mr Thressor here came this oother daye & toald mee that according too the allowance that hee had warrant for myne entertaynment 60
I was 1600\textsuperscript{th} quade, & prayed mee too looke vnto it, for hee dowghted whyther it shulld lyght on hym or no in case further warrant were not procured, & seemed too stande in dowght whyther hee myght emprest mee heerafter withowte oother direction abooue the allowance of the prezent warrant; Sir, it is in twoo respects a very heauye burden vnto mee, the one that for my due I shulld seeme beehoaldyng too any, the oother, that my place wayed I shulld heere bee scantled of any, & too bee playne with yow I can neyther beecoome the one nor beare the oother; onece abooue my due, God wylllyng, I wyll not goe, & for all that I see no authoritie that the Thresor hath too denye the Deputies warrant in sutche a case; but for my parte I dezyre but too haue ryght & for the rest, If it shall not concerne seruice, I wyll neuer for myne owane pryuate press what I myght; I beeseetche yow ther= fore, Sir, that my due allowance maye bee warranted, ootherw= yze surely it wyll turne too myne vndooyng as yowrsellf by this recknyng maye geather, & that I trust is neyther her Hyghnes nor yow my freendes that sent mee hyther mynde or meanynges. So crauyng moast humbly of my good God too ryd mee fro thys hatefull place wherby nothyng but trooble too my freendes & destruction euerie waye too myself I fynde too growe, I take leaue & beeseetche the allmyghtie too keepe, bless & prosper yowrsellf euer: Dublin the viij\textsuperscript{th} of Aprill 1582

Yowrs moast assured euer,

Arthur Grey
Note on hands
The text of the letter, including the subscription and signature, is in Grey's characteristic hand. Spenser's usual secretary hand appears in the address, while the endorsement, presumably added when the letter was being filed in London, is in a distinct hand.

1 slight damage to the right margin of the manuscript has obscured the end of this line. The formulaic phrasing, however, makes the missing word obvious.
5 'ce' deleted.
18 'g' deleted.
23 'bee' deleted.
24 'as' deleted.
24 as 'as' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
33 yet 'yet' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
43 damage to the manuscript has obliterated the end of this line, and of the line following. The superscript 't' of 'that' is also missing on this line, but can be reasonably inferred.
49 many 'many' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
77 all 'all' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
77 authoritie 'reason why' deleted, and 'authoritie' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
78 denye 'denye' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.
84 'y' deleted.
91 1582 Grey seems originally to have written '1581', and then superimposed the '2' on the '1'. Given that the (old-style) new year was only a few weeks old, this is not a surprising slip.

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