

**NA (PRO) SP 63/91/17**  
*Grey to Walsingham, 8 April 1582.*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the Honorable  
my most assured  
good Frend Sir  
Fraunces walsingham  
Knight Chief Secre-  
tary to her Maiesty. /

8 April 1582  
The Lord Deputy.  
mr Secretary

**Text**

Sir, *yowr* letters of *the* 24<sup>th</sup> 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 iorney into Meathe for 5  
*the* hoolding of a cession for *the* tryall of Nycholas  
Nugent late Iustice of *the* Common please heere & Edward  
Cusake of Lissmoullen, Ientlemen 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- 10  
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 15  
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 cawght of assured hoape  
too haue been delyuered of it, & no oother cause of *the* alteration  
can I settle but onely that of Pamphilius, Cum nemini obtrudi 20  
potest itur ad me, Well I am in dede tyed too *the* stake,  
pleazure now I must attende, ootherwyze sure if I were from  
it, I woold 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 25  
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 vtterly vnable any lenger too hoald it owte, trauayle my  
bodie & care my mynde haue so owteworne; too doo good is desperat,  
purchase of disgrace is assured. /

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yow wryte that I shulld now receaue letters from my Lords for allow-  
ance of sum conduct mooney too the dischargd coompanies,  
I haue yet\* seene noane sutche, beesydes that they had now coome too late,  
all beeyng dispatched allreadie with less chardge, wherin I haue  
played, I trowe, the pretie husbnde.

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I send yow moe aduertissements 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 beetake them  
vntoo yow, saue mee from blame in the euent, that is onely  
my care & request.

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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 thowght good too send yow boathe {...}\*  
better taste vnto yow of that prouince, as allso that {...}  
myght see how his opinion hoaldes with theyrs there that

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wyll vndertake with 5<sup>C</sup> or 600. too defende the cuntrie &  
doo meruayles in enterpryzies beesydes.  
The Connors growe in these partes too sum pryde & strengthe  
temporising with them by reazon of this dischardge & many\* of the same  
beeyng fallen vnto them is cause of it; I meane presently,

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God wylling, too vizitt them mysellf, the woorck wherof  
with Gods faouere I greatly accounte not of.  
Apprehensions, examinations, tryalls & Commissions of enquiryie  
abowte these late detected Conspirators haue caused that the landes  
could not yet bee surueyed & so not valewed; heere therfore

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hatthe 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 gou-  
ernment wayed shulld bee of the councell, I praye yow  
therfore by yowr next lett mee receaue direction for boathe.

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

Lastly vrged by extremitie for mysellf I must sue; Mr  
Threasorer heere came this oother daye & toald mee that according  
too the allowance that hee had warrant for myne entertaynement

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**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 {this}**] 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] 'reazon 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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