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*Grey to Walsingham, 7 May 1582*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the honorable my  
most especiall good frend  
Sir Fraunces Walsingham  
Knight Chief Secre-  
tary to her Maiesty. /

2. May 1582  
The Lord Deputye.  
iustification of Mackworth  
and Cosby  
Capten Rawley.  
Bowen restored to his  
office

**Text**

Sir, I haue in this last Packett received five seuerall  
lettres from your self, one of the which bearing date the xxviij<sup>th</sup>  
of Aprill aduertizeth some dislike which her Highnes conceiveth  
for some treasonable partes (as they are termed) wrought  
by Captein MacWorth, Cosby and otheres here against the 5  
Irish, in intrapping and betraying them. As I trust for  
myne owne part there shall neuer bee any iust cause of  
doubt, & as litle neede of a Parenthesis for my Clearing  
of any treasonable partes, so must I since my gouernement excuse  
and defend not onely these two gentlemen here named, but all 10  
otheres of the cryme alleaged, for any thing that euer I heard  
of. And for those ij specified, my knowledg I will say,  
that the one namely Humfrey MacWorth since my  
gouernement hath carried him self so well & without complaint 15  
and donne such service besides, as certainly in right might  
haue expected Commendation & reward, rather then a meane  
rebuke, much lesse the imposition of a villeinous behaveour  
vpon report of some such as I doe deeme neuer hath nor is  
able to Come nere him in sufficiency or performauce of his  
tried service nether will for all his bragges stand to the 20  
proofe of the informacion: As for the other, Cosbye I meane  
of my Credit Sir, since my Coming, nether directly nor  
otherwise hath he euer hurt man, & besides so poore, as hardly

bread he is able to putt into his owne mouth & families:  
so farre from ablenes to entrap any other by banqueting. 25  
By **the** trowth hereof lett the creditt of the other bee  
framed, yf my testimony may not bee taken; and yett  
**with**hall lett me I pray you crave her **Maiesty** to bee putt  
in mynd, **that** yt can bee but very sclender furtheraunce  
to her service, & especially in the shape of these tymes here 30  
to have men for venturing of lyfe and taking away of  
**Rebelle**s & villeynous **person**s indeed to God, Prince, and  
Countray, rebuked, disgraced, & **condemned** of treasonable partes  
vpon ..... doubtlesse\* a treasonable & envyous report; this handling  
will surely cause much Cost & litle service. / 35

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Your other **lett**re of **the** xxiiij<sup>th</sup> of the same is onely in the  
behalfe of one Mr Henry Guilford a kinsman of **youres**  
for contynuaunce of a Custodiam graunted him by Sir  
**William** Pelham nere Limericke. The **gentleman** as yett I haue  
not heard of, **which** I shall no sooner doe, but that this **your**\* Com- 40  
mendation liking & kindred specified, besides all other desert  
shalbee sufficient to make him taste of any favour, that  
by me may be affoorded; being yett to putt you in mynd  
**that** you must stand **with** mee in yt, yf need require, **your** self  
not ignorant what blame & prohibicion I haue received 45  
for grauntes of Custodiams. /  
As for **Captain** Rawleyes assignement to **the** Charge of Apsleies  
band, **which** in your **lett**re of the second of Aprill you .....\* write  
to bee signified vnto me by a **lett**re from her **Maiesty** I haue  
no **lett**re **which** specifieth any such thing to me; and for myne 50  
owne part I must bee playne I nether lyke his carriage  
nor Company, and therefore other then by direccion & com-  
maundement, & what his right can require, he is not to  
expect at my handes. /  
Further I haue received a **lett**re of **the** same date for the 55  
contynuaunce of one Bowen in **the** office of Serieaunt  
at Armes in Mounster. Surely the office was neuer  
meant to bee taken from him, till being visited\* **with** a  
great infirmity & so dishabled for the supplying thereof  
yt was thought good, **with** consideracion to him not **with**stan- 60  
ding, to bee otherwise disposed; vpon whose recouery  
neuerthelesse yt was agayne restored. Thus having  
satisfied **your** iiij **lett**res together, I haue nomore at  
this present but most hartely to **Commend** you to  
Almighty god. Dublin, the vij<sup>th</sup> of May. 1582. / 65

Youres euer most assuredly,

Arthur Grey

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**Note on hands**

The address and the text of this letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. As usual, Grey has added his autograph signature. The endorsement, in a later hand, seems to have been added when the letter was being filed in London.

\* **34 ••••• doubtlesse**] 'surely' deleted and 'doubtlesse' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

\* **40 your**] 'yor' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

\* **48 •••**] 'sig' deleted.

\* **58 visited**] 'visited' written over prior 'visiting'

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