

**NA (PRO) SP 63/92/26**  
*Grey to Walsingham, 10 May 1582*

**Address and Endorsement**

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

10 May 1582  
The Lord Deputy.  
Breningham.

**Text**

Sir her Maiesties rare kindenes in this matter hathe caused mee too doo ootherwyze then in my oother letters to yow I protested, neyther in deede shall I bee able, if this cours of harcknyng to euerie pryuate complaynt, or rather malicius enformation bee heald, for neyther wyll my wyttes & bodie carie the toyle, nor dispatche of more important causies suffre it. The cause is at lardge awnsswered & yet no less truly then lardgely; the resolution there now for the parties handlyng, wyll make not a lyttle too the countenance or disgrace of the place that I now hoald, •\* boathe for the prezent & too coome, her Maiestie therfore is too bee putt in mynde of it. Well Sir my tyme I trust in God & yowr good meanes shall bee but short, yet surely shall I euer wyll & wysse well too the State, as no small iewell too owre natie lande in case God woold open at any tyme owre Princies mynde truly too looke intoo the dewe meanes of refoormyng the same.

68.\* hathe sowght reconciliation with mee sum wrong doonne mee\* is confessed & causers therof that I lyttle woold haue suspected discoouered; the Lord forguyue mee as I forguyue all & so an end. God euer direct & bless yow. Dublin this x<sup>th</sup> of Mai. 1582.

<p>I send too yow heerwith empacketed  the Copies of the Order, bill of  Complaynte, &amp; letter of Brimengheams  owane too a Collector, all which arre  mencioned in her Hyghnes letter from the table  heere in this packett. /  My oother packett hath been stayed •* by contrarie wynde tyll as  wyll appeare by theyr dates. /</p>	<p>Yowrs moast assuredly  euer:  Arthur Grey</p>	<p>25          30</p>
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{Mr Sec}retary\*

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**Note on hands**

The entire text of the letter is in Grey's rough italic hand, concluding with his own autograph signature. Spenser's customary secretary hand appears in the address; the endorsement, in a later hand, was presumably added during the filing process in London. The 'addressee note' appended to the foot of the page ('{Mr Sec}retary') is in Grey's hand; these notes were added by Grey, or one of his secretaries, to ensure that the secretary charged with addressing and dispatching the letter knew where to direct it.

- \* **12 •]** single ascending stroke deleted.
- \* **20 68.]** unknown cipher.
- \* **20-21 mee...mee]** 'mee sum wrong' and 'mee' in code, transliterated above the line character for character.
- \* **31 •]** single-character deletion (perhaps an open parenthesis).
- \* **33 {Mr Sec}retary]** the first part of this 'addressee note' has been obscured by the paste slip used to bind the letter into its archival volume.

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