Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my especiall good
Frend Sir Fraunces
[W]alsingham Knight
Chief Secretary to
her Maiesty./

mr Secretary

22 May 1582
The Lord Deputy.
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Earl of Kildare & his exami
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his reuocation
warrant for his allow
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Text

Sir, the xxjth of this date Sir Nicholas Mallbie
arrayued heere: The instructions & Memorialls
hee browght were furthewith considered of by
the Councell heere, wherupon it was thought
necessarie too returne them now too her Maiestie
& my Lords with owre opinions & awnsswers
too euerie article therof according as moast
of the same doo enioyne vs.
The Earl of Killdare & Baron of Delluin arre
now sent ouer as was directed & theyr
examinations taken at this tyme with the
rest empacketed with sum oother not yet certified.
I haue signifeyd to her Maiestie the happynes I
take it too fynde no disgrace settled in her
agaynst mee, but withall doo sheowe the
small coomforte & less sufficiencie euerie
waye that rests in me too continewe in the
place & therfore doo earnestly prosecute my reuocation, which moast instantly
I beeseetche yow too importune, for if beefore my dezyre that waye were not meanely bent surely by these thynges now sent ouer it is trebble rooted & fastned in mee, for now I see eeven the mouthe of this powre cuntries destruction fully made vp, & the honest therof (thowghe feowe in deede) apparently vndoonne & expozed too the wyckeds tyrannie./

Sir Nicholas Mallbie dyd seeme to warrant mee that within vj weekes I shulld haue my dispatche, yet not fynding any confirmatio therof fro yowrsellf no hoape I could settle of it: I beeseetche yow sir with as conuenient speede as yow maye guyue mee sum certayne knowlege, for that it standethe mee greatly vppo for the dispozyng accordingly of my pryuate affayres, wherein I lyttle neede hyndring protesting to God that I shall thynck myself happie if I maye leaue the place but with 2000 li loss: which wyll growe farre too a more recknyng with mee in case my dewe allowance bee withheald, I hearyng nothyng as yet of the allowance of the same; Surely Sir, I wyll neuer God wylllyng trooble her Maiestie or any freend I haue with any sute for recompence, onely my hyre coouenanted I craue which in ryght & conscience maye not bee denied, & truly yowrsellf beeing the onely recorde therof, necessitie pressing mee, must bee the onely bodie that I shall call & crye owte on for the same, I praye yow therfore haue it in mynde; & in the meane tyme I wyll certaynely make vp no accounte but after that allowance.
I woold gladly receaue sum knowledge how myne awnsswers too the late enformations agaynst mee arre taken, as well in that concernyng

Patrick Brimingheam* as the rest.
Captayne Mackwoorthe I take assuredly slayne.
I am presently goyng into Ophaley too settle order for the prosecutyng of those knaues, & yet how too doo it hardly I see meanes for •• lack of mooney & vittayles.
The rest that concernethe this state the bearares sufficiencie shall make mee too bee silent in, & so for this tyme wyll take leaue prayeng the Allmyghtie God too keepe & bless yow euer. Dublin the 22th of maie 1582.

I send yow heerewith a drawght of a warrant for myne enter=taynement agreed on by the Thresurer & auditor heere, which if it maye bee passed wyll bee sufficient for my due allowance, I praye yow Sir laboor it for mee, it is Arthurs moast assured euer:

yow Sir laboor it for mee, it is Arthur Grey but ryght & reasonable neyther in sheowe that can dislyke her Maiestie:

Note on hands
The text of the letter, including the subscription, is in Grey's familiar hand, with his autograph signature. The address is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, while the endorsement, probably added during the filing of the letter in London, is in a compact and legible italic. The small note adjacent to the address on the reverse of the letter ('mr Secretary') is one of the usual 'addressee notes', in this case added by Grey himself, probably after folding up the letter for addressing (the minuscule forms of 'e' and 'r' seem to be Grey's, and the note is carefully positioned along one of the creases that define the border of the once-folded packet); this note would have been added to indicate to Spenser, who addressed and dispatched the packet, to whom it should be directed.

11 tyme] The final 'e' of this word appears to be written over another letter, possibly 'y'.
13 •] 'y' deleted.
56 Brimingheam] An extra stroke appears in the 'ing' cluster in this name, probably as a result of Grey's haste.
60 ••] Two-character deletion; possibly 'of'.