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*Grey to the Privy Council, 28 May 1582*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the right Honorable  
my very good **Lords** and  
otheres of her Highnes  
Privie Councell./

**Lords**  
28 May 1582  
The **Lord** Deputy.

**Text**

Yt may please your **Lordships** emong the number of the la{te}\*  
discharged here yt happened the Captein this bearer  
to bee one, whose former good carriage and forward {...}\*  
in every occasion of service wherein he hath bene imploy{ed}  
hath both during my gouernement here & likewise before (as  
is knowen to the rest of the Councell here) so well ap  
proved yt self, as being now to repaire ouer into England  
I could not lett him passe without my Wittnessing the  
same vnto your **Lordships** beseeching you according to his well  
deserving to yield him such good favour & Countenance in  
such reasonable requestes as he shall occasion to sollicit  
as that both the gentleman may bee thereby incoraged to con-  
tynue his well doing, and my self also haue occasion  
to bee thanckfull to your **Lordships** in his behalf. Euen so leaving  
him to your **Lordships** good regard, I humbly take leave.  
Dublin the xxvij<sup>th</sup> of May. 1582./

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Your good **Lordships** assured to Commaund,

Arthur Grey

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**Note on hands**

The address and main text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. The signature is Grey's own, and the endorsement, probably added when the letter was filed in London, is in a later hand. The letter is slightly damaged along the right-hand margin.

\* **I la{te}**] Here, as in several succeeding lines, damage to the right side of the manuscript has cut into the text. In this instance, the missing letters are obvious from the sense of the passage.

\* **3 {...}**] One or two letters (three minim strokes) are visible at the end of this line, but it is unclear whether the word begins with 'm', 'ni', or 'in'.

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