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Grey to the Privy Council, 28 May 1582

Address and Endorsement

for Marsh

To the right Honorable
the **Lords** and otheres of
her Highnes privy Councell

Lords
28 May 1582
The **Lord** Gray
on the behalf of
Marsh

Text

It maye please your **Lordshipes** this bearer Richard Marshe a late horseman vnder the leadinge of **Sir** Edward Moore, hathe longe tyme painefullie and **with** verie forwardnes served her **Maiestie** heere: by meanes whereof beinge nowe maymed and altogether dishabled from further followinge the Service, beesides thatt beinge nowe lately emongest the rest discharged hathe craved my **Lettres** vnto Your **Lordshipes** * in his beehalf, hoping by meanes thereof to finde some favorable reliefe. I can no lesse therefore doe then commende his cawse vnto Your **Lordshipes** beseeching you thatt in recompence of his hurte and greate dishabilitie thereby receyved in her **Maiesties** Service, some suche consideracion maye bee

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had of him, as thatt it maye nott repent him to have shedd
his bloode in so good a cawse, and others by ensample of your Lordshipes
goodnes towardes him maye bee incorage in like sorte to adventure
them selves. And so referringe him to Your Lordshipes wisdomes
I Committ you to the gouernement of the Almightye. Dublin
this xxviith of Maye 1582.

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Your good Lordships to commaund,

Arthur Grey

Note on hands

The main text of this letter is in a regular, compact secretary hand (not Spenser's). Spenser's usual secretary hand does, however, appear in the subscription, just before Grey's customary signature. Spenser's secretary hand also appears in the address, while the endorsement, probably added during the filing process in London, is in a distinct later hand. The small note 'for Marsh' appearing adjacent to the address seems to have been added by Spenser, probably to remind himself that this letter was not to be sent with the regular postal dispatch, but to be given to Richard Marsh for personal delivery.

* **6 Lordshipes]** the secretary uses only a single majuscule 'L' here, rather than the usual doubled form with terminal '-es' graph that signifies the plural 'Lordshipes', but we have expanded it in the usual way for the sake of the sense; given the context, nothing else could have been intended.

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