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Grey to Walsingham, 22 June 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my {especiall}*
good Frend Sir fraunces
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary
to her Maiesty. /

22 Iune 1582
The Lord Deputye.

Text

Sir vppon my returne hyther; I entered into
consultation of my Lord of Clanriccardes cause
wherin sum difficulltie roaze beetwyxt the follo=
wyng of the last article of yowr late memorialls
& the seruyce expected by hym to bee performed 5
in eyther reclaymyng or suppressing of hys
wicked chyllderne, as more at lardge by owre
letters now to the table there wyll delyuer yow,
Which is the chieffiest cause of this prezent
dispatche, earnestly prayeng yow* too procure speedie 10
awnsswer therof not onely of that that concernes
the said Earl but towtyng the Countess of Dessm{ond}*
also. And so not least thowghe last
commending vnto yow the lyke procuring of my
repayre ouer according too yowr former deuyzed 15
platt, wherin my no small lyking & hoape
remaynes, I take leaue for this tyme
beeseetchyng the Allmyghtie too Keepe & pross=
per yow euer./ Dublin the xxjth of Iune.
1582. 20

I haue sent ouer this bearar
my seruant for sollicityng
of my causies there I
praye yow affourde hym
access & credit as the same
shall requyre./

Yowrs moast assured
euer:

Arthur Grey

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{m}r* Secretary

Note on hands

The text of this letter, including the subscription, is in Grey's usual hand; Grey has added his customary autograph signature. The address is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, and the endorsement, presumably added later during the filing process in London, is in a distinct hand. The 'addressee note' at the foot of the page is probably in Grey's hand; these notes were added by Grey, or by the secretary drafting the text of the letter, to remind the secretary sealing the letter to whom it should be addressed.

* **Address {especial}}** some parts of this word are obscured by damage across one of the folds of the letter; the word and its spelling, however, are clear from the consistency of Spenser's addresses across the letters from Grey to Walsingham.

* **10 yow]** 'yow' inserted above the line with a caret mark.

* **12 Dessm{ond}}** damage to the right side of the manuscript has effaced these characters, if indeed Grey did not abbreviate the name 'Dessm.'. In either case, the intention is clear.

* **27 {m}r]** cropping of the left side of the manuscript and/or the binding process has obscured part of the 'm' here.

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