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Grey to Burghley, 22 June 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable
my very good Lord the
Lord Burghley Lord high
Treasurer of England.

22. Iunij. 1582
The Lord Deputy of Ireland
by Beuerley.

Text

My verie good Lord: Whereas this bearer Mr Beverley was by Your Lordship sent over hether to take the charge of victelling her Maiesties Garrizon in this Realme, so it is thatt nott without good advizement beefore hee would enter into the place hee desired some respitt to overviewe and looke into the order and estate in which the saide Office nowe standeth. whereby hee fyndeth the same so disordered and the accoumpt so imperfect as thatt not without greate hazard of his owne Creditt and muche losse vnto her Maiesty hee dare adventure to enter into the rowme beefore hee hathe formerly acquainted your Lordship therewith. So beeing now repaire{d}* vnto You I beseeche your Lordship for avoyding the greate inconvenyence and hindaunce that maye growe bothe to her Maiesties availe, and al{so} to her Service heere, Which chiefly by the badd menage of that office hathe hitherto happened, to establishe some suche speedye order there{in}

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as thatt bothe the one and the other may bee better forwarded then
hitherto in the executing thereof* I have founde. Even so leaveing the care
thereof vnto Your Lordships wisdomes for the present I commytt you to Almighty
god. Dublin this xxijth of Iune 1582./

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Yowr Lordships very assured too
Commaunde:

Arthur Grey

threasurer

Note on hands

The main text of the letter is written in an upright and neat secretary hand (not Spenser's); the subscription and autograph signature are in Grey's usual italic hand. The address is in Spenser's usual secretary hand, while a distinct italic hand appears in the endorsement, presumably added later during the filing process in London. The italic marginal note appearing at the foot of the text ('threasurer') is probably in the hand of the secretary who drafted the letter; these 'addressee notes' were often added to letters before they were sent off for Grey's signature, ensuring that the secretary subsequently responsible for sealing and addressing the packet would know where it was to be directed. There has been some damage to the right-hand margin of the page.

* **9 repaire{d}}** the manuscript has been damaged along the right margin, effacing characters in this and succeeding lines. Where the original reading is fairly clear, we have supplied missing letters in {}. In less obvious cases, we have used the mark of omission {...}.

* **15 thereof** 'thereof' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

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