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Grey to Walsingham, 29 June 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my very
especiall good frend
Sir Fraunces Walsingham
Knight Chief Secretary to her Maiesty./

29 Iune 1582
The Lord Deputy
letteres intercepted.

Text

Sir, having by Chaunce lighted vpon these lettres here inclosed, Coming out of England, I haue thought good to impart them vnto you, to thend yt may appeare, what ill Humoures the already euill disposed state of this countrey draweth from some of those which are there remaying: the one of them being sent from one who is there now kept as close Prisonere, I meane Thomas Meagh, the which for that yt is partly written in some what darke termes and hardly to be construed to the better part, I wish should be examined of him, what is thereby intended: the other Coming from one, who notwithstanding that he walketh there at libertie, yet is very nerely to be touched with treason; by the which you may perceive what great incorage ment & hartening these countrey men gather of the smallest favour or countenance which is shewed them there,* which though to the better sort may minister occasion of good desert, yett in the ill affected yt nourisheth cancred stomaches with secrete dislikes, and stirreth them vp to disobedience and Contempt of this gouernement. The deeper Consideracion whereof leaving to their Lordships wisdomes, and your self to Almighty god, for the present I hartely take my leave
Dublin the xxixth of Iune. 1582./

Youres euer most assured

I pray yow haue mynde
of **the** contents of my
last letters **that** they
maye bee awnsswered &
esspeccially for my repayre ••* ouer./ 30
I haue wrytten to my Lord Threasurer of **the** extremitie **that the** Munster Garri
soon is in for want of vittayle & mooney I beeseetche yow sir
further **the** redress or ryd mee of **the** blame **the** inconuenience fally{ng}*
that ootherwyze can not bee healped./

Secretary walsingham:/ 35

Note on hands

The address and main text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. The postscript and signature, and one supralineal correction, are in Grey's distinctive hand. The 'addressee note' added to the foot of the page ('Secretary walsingham'), in Spenser's hand, was probably added at the drafting stage to remind Spenser to whom, upon sealing the packet, the letter should be addressed and sent.

* **16 there,]** this word and comma are written above the line, with caret, in Grey's hand, indicating that he checked over the work of his secretary, at least on this occasion.

* **30 ••]** two letters deleted, probably 'of'.

* **33 fally{ng}]** Damage to the manuscript's edge has cut off the end of this word.

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