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Grey to Walsingham, 28 July 1582

Address and Endorsement

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

28 Iuly 1582
The Lord Deputy
on the behalfe of the
Citie of Dublin

Text

Sir whereas there is some Controuersie betwene this Corporation of the Cittie of Dublin & the Customeres of westCh{ester}* and Hilbry touching a graunt by her Maiesty made vnto them, for to bee freed from Custome & Pondage there, of all such wares and marchandize, as they are to transport hether from thence, so as now the difference onely consisteth in the exposition of the said wordes and her Highnes meaning therein, for the solliciting whereof they haue presently sent this Bearer theyr Agent, I beseeche you therein to yield them what favour & furtheraunce you may, both for the obteyning her Maiesties said resolucion, and also for their more speedy dispatch; in both which the willingnes & duetifull mynd, which in the tyme of all these late troubles they haue carried towardes her Maiesties service hath well deserved to bee favored. Amongst the which I am in especiall to Commend vnto you this bearer Nicholas FitzSimon a right honest marchaunt, & an Alderman of this Cittie of very speciall accoumpt, of what earnest good will & duetifull zeale to her Maiesties service, aswell in the tyme of former gouernementes being witnessed & approved by consent of all the Councill here, (who likewise affirme his Ancestoures from tyme to tyme to haue bene good seruitoures & faithfull Subiectes;) as also partly fownd true in this tyme of myne owne experience, so farre forth as I haue had occasion to vse his service; I could no lesse doe but deliuer vnto you the true report & acknowledgment praying you both for his owne well deserving & also the rather for my sake to affoord him your good favour & Countenance in

all such reasonable suittes as he may haue occasion there to sollicit. For the which you shall bynd both him with a perpetuall bond of duety, and my self also to bee thanckfull vnto you in his behalf. And so leaving him to your favorable consideration for the present I betake you to almighty God. Kilmaynham the xxviith of Iulie. 1582./

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Youres euer most assured,

Arthur Grey

{M}r Secretary*

Note on hands

The address and text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's secretary hand. The signature is Grey's, 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 letter ('{M}r Secretary') was probably added by Spenser to remind himself, come time to dispatch the packet, to whom it should be addressed.

* 2 WestCh{ester}] damage to the manuscript's right margin here and below has partially obscured the ends of some lines.

* 34 {M}r Secretary] the beginning of this note, presumably added during the filing process, has been lost in the archival binding.

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