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Grey to Walsingham, 28 July 1582

Address

To the right Honorable my very especial good friend Sir Fraunces Walsingham Knight Chief Secretary to her Maiesty. /*

Text

Sir, whereas in Aprill last I received lettres from you being written as by their Lordships direccion for the examining of certein debtes due vnto Peter Shurlock of Waterford merchaunt vpon sondry Capteins in this land, whereof som{e} are discharged, some dead, and to certifie the truthe of the matter agayne vnto their Lordships so as further order may by them bee taken with the said Creditoures for making of satisfaccion there vnto the said Shurlock; I haue accordingly caused their accomptes to bee searched vp, and and* thereof haue retourned herewith a Certificat vnder the Auditoures hand, whereby yt may appeare vnto their Lordships that the Suggestion of their not full payment, or of ought otherwise remayning to them due in Kettelwelles hand is vntrue: and therefore in conscience the said sums to bee by them selues satisfied vnto the Creditour, who hath now almost these ij yeares forborne his money / Further forsomuch as I vnderstand that the said Shurlock meaneth to become humble sutour vnto their Lordships for the reversion of a leasse of the Abbey of Cahir in the County of Tipperary, * which he holdeth of her Maiesty in leasse, I haue thought good in respect of his duetifulnes & faith full goodwill towards the aduancement of her Maiesties service, as also for other his losses during these warres in the same susteyned to Commend the furtheraunce of his sute vnto you; praying you in the obteyning thereof to yield him what reasonable favour & good help you may; for the which I will in his behalf hold my self thanckfull vnto you. And so for the present I Committ you to Almighty god. Dublin the xxvijth of Iulie. 1582

Arthur Grey

Note on hands

The address and text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's usual secretary hand, though the text of the letter is somewhat rough and cursive. Grey has added his characteristic signature. The poor quality of the microfilm copy of the letter has obscured the endorsement.

* **Address To the...Maistry**] parts of the address have been obscured in microfilm reproduction, but the reading is clear enough to confirm that Spenser followed his usual phrasing and spelling in this instance.

* **10 and]** this duplicated word is apparently evidence of a slip in Spenser's copying. This kind of error strongly suggests that some of the surviving letters were fair copies produced from drafts.

* **20 ••••• Tipperary**] 'Limerick' has been deleted and 'Tipperary' inserted above the line.

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