

**British Library Additional MS 19869**  
*Grant to McHenry, undated*

**Endorsement**

from {mac} Henry\*

**Text**

Be it knowen to all men by these presentes that I  
Edmund Spenser of Kilcolman esquire doe giue vnto  
mac Henry the keeping of all the woodes which I haue  
in Balliganim & of the rushes & brakes without  
making any spoyle thereof & also doe covenant 5  
with him that he shall haue one house within the  
bawne of Richardston for him self & his cattell in  
tyme of warre. And also within the space of vij  
yeares to repayre the castle of Richardston afore  
sayd & in all other thinges to vse good neighbour 10  
hood to him & his

Edmund Spenser

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**Note on hands**

The text of the document is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, here fairly rushed and the ink much faded. The signature is the usual autograph. The paper is worn at the edges (and repaired), but the seal is intact. The endorsement has been added in an italic hand, not Spenser's.

\* *Endorsement*] There is some damage to the manuscript here, obscuring part of the endorsement; the supplied reading is based on the name/spelling supplied in the main text of the letter. The original size of the document suggests that no further text has been lost.

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