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*Grey to Burghley, 28 November 1580*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the right Hono  
rable my very good  
Lord the Lord Treasurer  
of England yeue  
this./

xxviiij<sup>mo</sup> Novembris 1580  
The Lorde Deputie  
of Irelande his Lettre  
vnto my Lord Treasurer  
for the payment vnto Alderman  
pullisonne CC iiij<sup>xx li</sup> for  
iiij<sup>C l</sup>. Barrelles of wheate  
and m<sup>l</sup> m<sup>l</sup> of Newlande  
fisshe and for other  
causes

**Text**

My very good Lord forasmuch as I stande assured  
that my former advertizementes of my Kerry iorney  
and of my successe there (which proceeded not of my  
travell, but of the providence\* and mighty powre of  
god) I therefore leave now to trouble your Honour  
therewith. And having determined a Iorney too  
Thomond & Connagh to Curbe short the Rebelles  
there, yett vpon intelligence of some occasion of my present  
repaire into the pale, Whereof I will wryte to  
your Lordship when I shall arrive at Dublin I thought good  
to send force to Sir Nicholas Malbey & to garrison  
some of the Army in this Province for the better defence  
thereof, to thend the Traitour Desmond should have  
but small Comfort of abyding within the same. I  
have placed in Kerry at Dingle Iohn Zouche Captein  
Case and otheres in all iiij<sup>C</sup> footmen and I horsemen  
besides the ward in Castlemaing. I have settled at  
Asketen, CC footmen besides the ward of the Castle in  
number iiij<sup>xx</sup>. At Kilmallock Sir George Bouchier

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with his company & xxv horsemen vnder George 20  
 Thorneton & in the Abbey of Aherloa CC footmen;  
 so as there is no starting Corner lefte in the County of  
 Limerick for the said Traitour, but one or other of the said  
 garrisons shalbee at hand to meete with him. I have  
 appointed to remayne at Corke C, at Youghill C 25  
 at Lismore CC & at Dongarvan C; and thus doe this  
 day take my iorney toward Dublin. Nowe  
 for to vitle these & for the places apt to staple the  
 vittles which must bee for their provisions I thought  
 good to signifie vnto your Lordship that for the garrisons 30  
 at Corke Youghill Dongarvan & Lismore, Corke  
 is the place to land their provision for that thence yt  
 may be conveyed safe by water to euery of the  
 said places. And for this County of Limericke

& Kerry bycause such ships as come hether 35  
 must needes passe nere the Coast of Dingle and  
 nothing out of their way to touche in them, yt shall  
 doe well that all such ships as shall come hether with vittle  
 doe first ancre at Dingle & there discharge vittle  
 sufficient for the said number, & the remayne to bring hether 40  
 vnto this cittie to furnish the said garrisons, which is the  
 onely place to vittle Kilmallock Asketen & Aherloa.  
 But now vnderstanding the small proporcion of the remayne  
 of vittles here with vs, but of wheat C quateres; mele C  
 barrelles, malt xx quateres, biskett iiij<sup>m</sup>; And meeting 45  
 here with a ship loaden with wheat of Alderman Pullisons  
 goodes, I was driven to buy the same; and for iij<sup>c</sup> l  
 barrelles of wheat have promised that he should bee  
 paid in England by your Lordship after the rate of xiiij<sup>s</sup> sterling  
 the barrell, CCxlv<sup>li</sup> sterling; and for ij<sup>m</sup> newland fish 50  
 at xv<sup>li</sup> the one thousand & xx<sup>li</sup> the other xxxv<sup>li</sup> sterling  
 In all CC iiij<sup>xx</sup> li sterling. Which Sum I pray your honour  
 to Cause to be answered and paid vnto him out of the  
 next masse that shalbee made out for this Realme.  
 And thus praying your Lordship to hasten hether more 55  
 store of vitle with speed, (for this will last no tyme  
 to speake of, and drinck there is none nor other  
 vittle butt bread which I beseech your Honour to consider  
 I take my leave; at Limerick this xxviij<sup>th</sup> November

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Deliuered at  
 Lymericke to Iames  
 Brincklous  
 and Iames  
 plancke.  
 Victualers  
 there.



Yowr Lordships most  
assured,

Arthur Grey

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**Note on hands**

The text and address of this letter are in Spenser's usual secretary hand, although slightly more upright than usual. The subscription and signature are Grey's.

\* **4 providence]** The darkly inked 'v' of this word has apparently been written over an initial 'i'; this is probably a case of scribal anticipation, quickly corrected.

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