

Hatfield House, Cecil Papers MS 12/16
Grey to Burghley, 28 November 1581

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my especial good Lord the Lord Burghley Lord Thresurer of England yeue this

The Lord Deputy of Ireland to my Lord by Sir Nicholas Malby Commendacion of Sir Nicholas service That Anthony Lawe, may haue his pencion continued & payd in England:

Text

My very good Lord the sufficiency of this bearer will ease me of labour in long discoursing to your Lordship the present estate of this countrey and dailye affaires succeding to whose credit I haue committed the reporting thereof, beseeching your Lordship to yield him favorable hearing in the same, and also in all other his private causes for which he cometh such Countenance and furtheraunce to her Maiestie as that both I may thereby haue, wherefore to bee thanckfull to your Lordship and he may fynd that my request to your Lordship in his behalf hath bene no hinderaunce to his cause. Nether is the gentleman indeed in respect of him self and his well deserving vnworthy of such your Lordships favour & good liking, having aswell by his long good service formerly (not vnknownen to your Lordships) and daily well ordering of that gouernement now committed to his charge (which my self can wittnesse): as also by his continuall assistaunce here in Counsell, and readines in all occasions of employment many waies deserved to bee both favored and furthered. Euen so leaving him to your Lordships wise consideracion, & your self to the goodnes of

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the Almighty, I hartely take leave. Dublin,
the xxviith of November. 1581. /

I am to praye yowr Lordship too stand good Lord too powre anthony Lawe, whow, by Gods hande of sicknes beeyng made vt= terly vnable for seruyce heere, maye haue his pencion allowed hym in that Realme & so bee discharged hence, that mans estate wayed it wyll bee a charitable act. /	Yowr Lordships assured at Commaundment, Arthur Grey	25 30
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{Lord} Thresurer./

Note on hands

The main text of the letter, with the address, is in Spenser's usual secretary hand. Grey has added his own subscription, signature, and postscript in his customary italic. The endorsement is in a later hand, probably added when the letter was filed in London. The note at the foot of the page ('{Lord} Thresurer./') is probably in Spenser's mixed hand, and seems to have been added to remind Spenser, or another secretary, that, upon addressing and sealing the letter, the packet should be directed to Burghley.

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