

Hatfield House, Cecil Papers MS 12/19
Grey to Burghley, 10 December 1581

Address and Endorsements

To the right Honorable my very good Lord the Lord Burghley Lord Treasurer of England. /

x^{mo} Decembris 1581.

Lord Deputy of Ireland to my Lord.

In awnswere of your lettre of the 25th of September last.

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Text

My very good Lord having already finished my former packett of lettres ready to send them away and the bearer being by meanes of contrary windes afterwarde here staid, I received your Lordships lettres of the xxvth of September, wherevnto by reason of the oldnes of their date, I thought best presently to answer least my lettres longer differred should with them wexe likewise olde. And first concerning the answering of such dislykes, as are there conceived of the Charges of this Realme, hoping that in the generall answer to the Memorialles full satisfaccion is already yielded I shall the lesse need further to trouble your Lordship. lykewise touching the Defalcations made out of your former threasure before th'arrivall thereof here (wherein your Lordships lettre hath labored at large) I will leave the same vnto your further reckoning of the Treasurer here, to whose care th'accoumpt there of perteyneth. And for the rest, lyke as your Lordship hath given me your certein promise that out of such threasure, as shall from tyme to tyme bee sent ouer hether, you will not suffer any defalcations vpon billes there to bee made (for which I earnestly thanck your Lordship) so

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doubt I not but in the same and in all the lyke, that
may concerne the state of this Gouvernement, too
fynd your Lordships speciall favour and furtheraunce; 25
Notwithstanding being partly informed, that out
of the present Masse, which is now to come ouer
whereof but onely v^{mli} is appointed to the answe-
ring of the growing charges of this Realme &
daylie infinite occasions of disbursements, there bee 30
certain Sumes already defaulted, I cannot but
thinck (yf so yt were) a very streight hand

Lord Thresurer

therein helde, considering the present great extre-
mitie of neede, wherewith the Garrizon is pinched 35
whome how to relieve by any meanes I see not
vnlesse yt bee thought that men may feed of
Aire. And therefore I beseeche your Lordship to have
earnest consideration thereof, like as of the rest,
and to provide speedy remedy for the case of the 40
one and the other. And so for the present com-
mitt your Lordship to the gouvernement of the Highest.
Dublin, the xth of December. 1581.

Your Lordships assured loving frend
too Commaunde, 45

Arthur Grey

Note on hands

The address and text of this letter are in Spenser's usual secretary hand, here fairly bold. The first line of the subscription is also in Spenser's hand, but the second line has been added by Grey, who has also provided his usual autograph signature. The endorsement is in a distinct, later hand, probably added during the filing of Burghley's papers. The note appended to the bottom of the first page of the letter, in what is probably Spenser's mixed hand, seems to have been added to remind Spenser, or another secretary, that, upon sealing of the letter, the packet should be directed to Burghley.

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