Address and Endorsements

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

ximo Decembris 1581.

Lord Deputy of Ireland to my Lord.

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

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 afterwardes here staied, I received your Lordships lettres of the xxvth of September, wherevnto by reason of the oldnes of their date, I thought best presently to answere 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 answere to the Memorialles full satisfaccion is already yielded I shall the lesse need further to trouble your Lordship. lyewise 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 Threasurer here, to whose care th'account ther 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
doubt I not but in the same and in all the lyke, that may concerne the state of this Gouernement, too fynd your Lordships speciall favour and furtheraunce; Notwithstanding being partly informed, that out of the present Masse, which is now to come ouer whereof but onely \( v^\text{ml} \) is appointed to the answeering of the growing charges of this Realme & daylie infinite occasions of disbursemente, there bee certein Sumes already defaulked, I cannot but thinck (yf so yt were) a very streight hand

Lord Thresurer

therein helde, considering the present great extremitie of neede, wherewith the Garrizon is pinched whome how to relieve by any meanes I see not vnesse 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 one and the other. And so for the present committ your Lordship to the gouernement of the Highest. Dublin, the x\(^{th}\) of December, 1581.

Your Lordships assured loving frend too Commaunde,

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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