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Grey to Burghley, 26 August 1581

Address and Endorsement

To the right
Honorable my
especiall good
Lord the Lord
Burghley High
Threasurer of England.

26. August 1581.
The Lord Deputy of Ireland.

The great want of victells
at Corke.

Necessity of greater supplies
of Treasure.

Text

My very good Lord; I fynde the wheate store at Corck
to bee vtterly now spent so as neyther grayne of Corne
nor bitt of oother vittayle remaynethe, & that the gar-
rizoon therabowtes is therby in no small penurie;
I earnestly praye yowr Lordship that care for speedie supplie   *5*
maye bee had in it, ootherwyze the exigent wyll
pass owre healpes heere; I wysshe ••* the shyppes
that shall bryng the proportion for those partes too
bee directed hencefourthe too Yowghall & not too
Corck, the staple there fittyng farre better the gar-*10*
risoones turne. Throwghe the greate defallckments
& allowancies there of oald dewes heere, I perceaue
scarce 3000^{li} of the last threazure allotted hyther
wyll coome vntoo vs; wherof the necessarie paym=
ents heere for corne & beeues taken vp for the seruyce   *15*
awnsswered, not 2000^{li} wyll rest for the Captaynes &
soldiores shares; beesydes my sellf & oother chieff officers
whow withowte mooney can not shyft it owte heere:
what that sum amongst so manie & where so
mootche is due, wyll doo, too yowr* Lordships owane consideration*20*

I leaue; I humbly beeseetche yowr Lordship that sutes vppon pry-
uate affection & fauoure maye not preuayle so there
as shall turne the generall that arre in seruyce heere
too hard dryftes & no small hynderance of the seruyce{.}*
In thys sorte too receaue it, I dowght, ••* if it were*25*
not as good too haue noane at all: pardon mee,
good my Lord, ••* thowghe I bee sumwhat the earnester
in this cause for it tootchethe mee very neere soondrie
wayes; first the solldior & Captayne they heeryng that treazure
is appoynted hyther wyll neuer leaue mee, next contynua{ll} *30*

occasion for seruyce wyll craue mooney, lastly myne
owane pryuate can not withowte it bee mayntayned
protestyng to God that withowte readie quoyne I put
not one bitt of meate into my mouthe nor feede
my horssies: waye these extremities I beeseetche   *35*
yowr Lordship & withall the not ouerhastines in her Maiestie
too affourde ••* that supplie, which yet if yowr Lordship
doo not quyckly now woorck for vs agayne I
knowe not in the world what wee shall doo or
how wee maye serue, for in trowthe this now*40*
too bee receaued (if owre Threasurer enfourme aryght
) is noane oother then as good neuer a whytt as neuer
the better. At this tyme I wyll trowble yowr
Lordship with no oother matter expectyng further occasion
of aduertissments eare twoo dayes bee ended; & so   *45*
commendyng humbly the rguarde of these owre lackes
too yowr good Lordship I take leaue prayeng the Allmyghtie
euer too keepe, goouerne & prossper yowr Lordship.
Dublin this xxvj^th of August 1581.

     Yowr Lordships moast assuredly   *50*
     euer,

     Arthur Grey

˜†**Note on hands**The address is in Spenser's usual secretary, here fairly cramped. The text is in Grey's usual italic hand, with his subscription and autograph signature.

* *7* ••] 'yͭ' deleted.

˜†* *20* **yowr]** 'yͭ' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

˜†* *24* **{.}]** Damage to the manuscript along its edge has obscured the conclusion of this line, as also the final line on this side of the page.

˜†* *25* ••] 'it' deleted.

˜†* *27* ••] 'if' deleted.

˜†* *37* ••] 'su' (?) deleted.