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John Norris to Walsingham, 7 March 1584/5

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable Sir Fraunces
Walsingham Knight
{Chie}f Secretary
{to h}er Maiesty ./*

.7. March: 1584
Mr Iohn Norris.
Commendeth Mr Lambert hurt in hir Maiesties
seruice vnder him against the Skottes.

Text

Sir, in the late Northerne iourney which my Lord Deputie made into Clandeboy, yt fortun'd this gentleman Mr Lambert to bee vnder my leading, at what tyme I had direccion with certein bandes to circumvent the enemy on the further side; in the which by very hard hap he Chaunc'd to light into the handes of this* enemy, & notwithstanding his bold & valiaunt Carriage euen in the present daunger he was so sorely wounded, that besides the losse of some lymmes he hardly was saved with life /. Wherefore in regard of his pitifull estate, being now vtterly Cast away, & the better part of his dayes ouerthrowen, vnlesse her Maiesty haue gracious compassion on him, I cannott butt Commend him to your Honours good favour & furtheraunce, beseeching you to bee a meanes with the rest of my Lords there, that some such good consideracion may bee had of him as may recompence his so great losse, & encorage others that continue in like seruices, to deserve so well as he hath donne. And so I Committ your Honour to the gouernement of the Highest. Dublin, the vijth of March. 1584 ./

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Your Honours euer assured to Commaund,

John Norreys

¶ **Note on hands** The address and the main text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. Norris has added his autograph signature. The endorsement, in a distinct italic, was probably added upon entry of the letter for filing in London.

* **Address {Chie}f Secretary {to h}er Maiesty .]** part of the address has been obscured by removal of the bands originally used to seal the letter. The reading, however, is obvious from context and from the addresses of other similar letters.

¶* **7 this•]** illegible single-character deletion.

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