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Copy of Ormond to Grey, 28 August 1580

Endorsements

Lord Ormond.

To the Lord Deputie /

28 August

Text

The copie of my Lord of Ormonds lettre

My very good Lord on the xxijth of this month I marched with myn awne
companyes of horsmen & fotmen towardes cork and on the xxiiijth
of the same being at Sir cormoke Mac tege is house called the
Blawernye he brought vnto* the traytour Iames of Desmond 5
brother to therle of Desmond and on the morow after I
thought good to put him to his triall in Corke the maiour,
Sir Warham Saintleger, Mr Iustice Welshe Iustice Meaghe and
other her Maiesties comysioners being present, he was araigned 10
before vs and Iudgment geven by the Iustice that he shold
dye according his desertes and after was stayd by me
from execusion tyll your Lordship is pleasuer be further
knowen he delyuered vnto me som of the said comysio
ners being present, his knowledg vppon certayne matters
moved to him, as by his examynacon to that effecte subscribe{d}* 15
by vs and in my custody doth appere. •••* as I returned
from corke I came through atherlagh*, afast place wher{e}
I herd the traytour Sir Iohn and the rest of them were
and suche of them as were ther hid them •••••* selves 20
in the wodd^{es}, so as none of them nor ther cattell could be
met with save afewe kyne & plowghe geranes I brough{t}
from thence, the traytour Sir Iohn of Desmond (hiring of
my being in Monster) with thold traytour pers grace doctour
sandres some fewe spanard^{es} and others of ther men,
wer afor my comyn•g* to atherlaghe entred in to apece of my 25
contrey burned .2. villages there, toke the spoyle of them
and slewe some kerne & husbandmen of myn that folowed
to rescue ther good^{es} after this they went throw Ossorye
quietly without resistance to assault my brother Pers
dwelling in thabbay of leix and toke all the cattell ther and 30
burned atowne of myn called balliosker after all which
they quietly* returned throw Ossorie with ther spoyle & returned
by the bridge of Dorowe wher they past afore without any
resistance by any of the Baron of vpper Ossories contrey men
your Lordship may perceiue by this how and by whom they are frended 35

althoughe I came hether vppon tyred horses aboutes ten
of the clocke * yester nyght yet they shall crep on as

far as they may till I met them yf they be in lex yf
I were not in hast to* horsbacke I wold writt to your
Lordship sum longer discourse which I must now omytt, and 40
so wisshing to your Lordship as good successe as I wold to my I*
selfe I comytt you to the guyding of god From
Kilkeny the xxviiijth of August 1580

Your Lordships fast assured

thomas Ormond & Ossorie 45

Sir willim pellam had the
solders abrode afore I went
westward so as I had not one of them with me wherby
I was forsed to alter my Iorney determyned
my Lord I pray you let me hier from you as oft as 50
you may and I assuer you no man shalbe more
glad of your god fortune then my selfe

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To the right honorable my
very good Lord my Lord deputie

† **Note on hands**

The body of the letter is written in a coarse secretary hand, not Spenser's, but the header is written in what appears to be Spenser's mixed hand. The first and third lines of the endorsement appear to be in the same, Spenserian mixed hand, but the second line is written in a fine, neat secretary hand.

* **5 vnto]** the copyist has here apparently omitted the word 'me'.

† **15 subscribe{d}]** wear to the right margin of the manuscript here, and a few lines below, has obscured the obvious readings.

† **16 •••]** 'And' deleted.

† **17 atherlagh]** the 't' in this word has apparently been added at a later point.

† **19 •••••]** 'selfe' deleted.

† **25 comyn•g]** illegible single-character deletion.

† **32 quietly]** 'quietly' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

† **37 clocke]** either this word has been written over another, which is impossible to discern, or the spelling has been altered after writing, perhaps with the insertion of the 'c'.

† **39 on]** this word appears to have been blotted, but no substitute ('on' perhaps?) has been provided.

† **41 my I]** the superfluous first-person pronoun is another apparent error on the copyist's part.

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