

Endorsements

Sir Hugh Orelie

To the Lord Deputie and the
Councell in Irland

3 september

Text

The Copie of Sir Hugh Orelies *lettre*

My very good *Lordes* you shall receive here inclosed
a *lettre* that Terlagh Lennagh Onele sent me
desyring me desyring me* & *the* best in my
Country to goe where he is otherwise yf I doe5
not goe to him he will come to my Country
He is *with* a great host in Campe *within* few
miles of moynecan Mac Mathons towne *with* vj
wekes vittailles *with* him & ready to come to my
Country for I doe not meane to fulfill his
desieres or to goe to him & therefore I am desy- 10
ring *your* honoures to send *your* aide & men well
appointed to Kenles or thereaboutes to succour me
yf neede be and also to make ready against him
least he should enter into *the* pale. for I doe not 15
like well of his gathering at this tyme, he will
come to my Country *within* three daies yf euer he come.
And therefore lett *your* Honours aide in all hast possible
be ready Written in hast from *the* Cavan the
third of September 20

To the right honorable
the Lord Deputie & the
rest of her Maiesties Counsell

¶ **Note on hands** The text and heading of this letter appear to be written in a fluent version of the familiar Spenserian secretary hand. The first and third parts of the endorsement ('Sir Hugh Orelie' and '3 september') are apparently in Spenser's mixed hand; the second part of the endorsement is in a different secretary hand, small, spidery and quite cursive.

* **4 desyring me desyring me]** a clear case of reduplication, a common scribal error.

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