

Endorsements

Baron of Dunganon

To the Lord Deputie

3 September

Text

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The Baron of Dunganons
lettre./

Right honorable my humble duetie remembred. I have
thought good to signifie vnto your Lordship how that Oneile 5
is come vnto the black water & myndeth to send for
me to come vnto him; Whither he wilbe at peace
or not I knowe not, neuerthelesse though he were
at peace, he hath vtterly vndone me by reason that
my brother Art Oneil Mac Donel & O hanlon 10
are gone vnto him with the most part of my creates
and the rest that are left I have sent to the mountaines
of Mellestant from thence, being ready to goe vnto
Slowe breg, as sone as I doe send them word, yf oneile
doe not pray them in the meane tyme: so as there is 15
none to gather any part of the harvest in my County
I doe remayne my self in the woodes of Macher Logh
coo having not past xx men left with me & knowing
not what to doe: beseeching your honour most earnestly
to send me ayd of men presently: otherwise that your Lordship 20
will license me to provide for my self, which god willing
I will doe after such a sort as your Lordship will not wish
of: yf yt were for me but to fly to some other
country. I have this tweluemoneth past revealed
vnto the Councell divers tymes how that Oneil would 25
grow vnto this end at length & all this while could
have no aide of them Notwithstanding though all
the Irishrie in Ireland doe rebell your honour shalle*
alwaies assured of me yf I have but myne owne
person onely So I most humbly &c30
third September 1580

To the Lord Deputie ./

¶**Note on hands**This letter, including the visible part of the header (a copy of the original's endorsement), is written in Spenser's secretary hand, here fluent and comparative untidy. The endorsements take the form familiar from other documents of this group of early copies in Spenser's hand: the first and third lines are in a mixed hand, probably Spenser's, and the second line is in a somewhat spidery secretary hand.

* **28 shalle** given the unusual spelling, the haste of the copying job, and the obviously ungrammatical prose, it seems likely that this is Spenser's error for 'shalbe'.

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