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Grey to Walsingham, 27 January 1580/1

**Address and Endorsements**

{27} Ianuarye 158{0}  
From the Lord Graye

E.\*

To the Honorable  
my very good  
Frend Sir fraunces  
Walsingham Knight  
Chief Secretary  
vnto her Maiestie

{Sec.} Wallsingham/

**Text**

hath changed his w{.....}  
against Tirelaghe.

Sir the Contrarye wynde seeminge to staye my Lettres sent  
by Mr Markham Longe from you, and the delaye of my\*  
appointed Iorney therein mencioned against Tyrloughe Lennough  
haue caused mee to write thus muche to you nowe,/ For  
touchinge my determynacion to haue mett with Tyrloughe,  
since that tyme I haue bene aduertised that as yet hee lyeth  
still in his owne Cuntrey but contynuinge to encrease his  
forcies with a greater number of Scottes. Meaninge as it  
is thoughte in the next Moue to attempte somewhat vppon  
the borders, and in like sorte I Contynue my former meaninge  
to encounter with him if once hee sett foote ouer the blacke

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is gone into Leix and offaley	Water. / In the meane tyme (because I will not Lye Idle) on mondaye next godwillinge) I am determyned to make a Iorney into Lexe and offaley, there to suppress the Rowtes of the Mores, and O* Conors who daylie assemble them selves in greater numbers and haue Committed sundrye Spoyles. /	15
Baltinglas weary of his rebellion.	Balthinglas and Feawghe, beinge nowe pynched with the wynter and restrayned from theire libertie to spoile by reason of the Bandes placed in garrison about them fall to shoves to bee wearie of that they haue begonne, And as it seemeth woulde willinglye seeke peace if they knewe what waye to begynne that it mighte not be re{fused.}* Howbeeit I doe not thincke it either honorable for her Maiestie or seeminge for the state, to admitt any Condition, but rather to persecute them withall Rigour and extremytie, And I dowbte not in god but before Easter daye, to make dispatch of the whole Rable of them here in the Pale, if I bee not ympeached by followinge the service vppon Tirloughe whose onlye endeavour and practise as it seemeth, is to supporte all the Traytours here, they now havinge no other Comforte or hope of ayde but hym alone, and his Scottes	20
thinketh it not hono rable for hir maiestie to receaue him to fauor. hopes shortly to finish the rebellion if Tirlough lett him not.	Howbeeit I doe not thincke it either honorable for her Maiestie or seeminge for the state, to admitt any Condition, but rather to persecute them withall Rigour and extremytie, And I dowbte not in god but before Easter daye, to make dispatch of the whole Rable of them here in the Pale, if I bee not ympeached by followinge the service vppon Tirloughe whose onlye endeavour and practise as it seemeth, is to supporte all the Traytours here, they now havinge no other Comforte or hope of ayde but hym alone, and his Scottes	25
thinketh the matters of the Earl of Kildare will fall out harder then his lady accompteth	In the writinge hereof I receyved your Lettre of the xv <sup>th</sup> of this Moneth therein first signifyinge the greate* confidence the Countesse hathe in my Lord her husbandes Innocencye, as by her lettre sent mee from you by Mr Fenton more at large appeareth, but I feare the same will fall owt more dowbtefull a greate deale then yett shee accompteth of. /	30
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is glad **that** course {.....  
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is of opinion **that** Scotland  
is a dealer in this rebel  
lion

hath followed myne ad  
uise in calling for  
{p}ynasses to keepe the  
North sea.

For **your** good lykinge of thorder and **Course** in the Earle  
his **Committment**, I woulde nothinge haue dowbted thanswereing{e}  
of it (if reason mighte haue bene harde) in case it had benee  
my sole acte, Nevertheles I truste not so muche to my  
owne Iudgement, And the **Course** therein taken lyketh mee  
nowe the more that it pleaseth **you** to allowe thereof. /  
Touchinge **your** opynion that Forcies of Scottes will be  
sent from Scotland into the Northe of this Realme,  
In my **lett**re sent by Mr Markham I haue signified, howe it  
is in\* manner paste dowbte that the kinge of Scottes will  
bee an assistant to the trooble of this State, and therfore  
it requyreth no small Consideracion of their **Lordships** with presente  
order to bee taken for the **pre**ventinge thereof./  
And touchinge **your** advice in callinge on their **Lordships** for  
Barkes and Pynassies so to bee employed, and for **our**  
opynions and resolucion in **Capt**ein Piers his plott,  
for the better furtheraunce thereof I haue herewith  
retournd the saide offers of **Capt**ein Piers and **our** opynions  
therein. And so **with** righte hartie Comendacions I ceasse  
to trooble you. Dublin this xxvij<sup>th</sup> of Ianuarie 1580

Yowres euer most assured,

**Arthur** Grey

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### † **Note on hands**

The text of this letter is written in a compact secretary hand (not Spenser's), and is annotated, apparently, by Walsingham (note the first-person pronoun in one of the annotations). The subscription and signature are in Grey's own hand. The address is in Spenser's familiar secretary hand, and the endorsement – presumably added later, during filing of the letter in London – is in a small-bodied secretary. The third note ('Sec. Walls.') is an 'addressee note' in Grey's hand; these notes were added by Grey, or in some cases the secretary responsible for drafting the text of the letter, to advise Spenser to whom the letter should be addressed upon dispatch. A similar addressee note appears at the bottom of the first page, probably in the hand of the secretary who drafted the text of the letter; Grey seems not to have noticed this note when he added his own.

\* **Endorsement E.]** probably an abbreviation for 'Entred', a note often made against the endorsements during the filing process.

† **2 of my]** a flourishing line filler completes this line.

† **Annotation w{.....}]** the rest of this word is illegible.

† **15 O]** 'O' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

† **23 re{fused.}]** the right hand side of the page is damaged at this point.

† **34 greate]** a flourishing line filler is used here.

† **Annotation {M}r francis Walsingham]** as noted in the 'note on hands', this is an addressee note.

† **Annotation course {.....}]** this three-line marginal annotation is illegible.

† **49 in]** 'in' inserted above the line, with caret mark.

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