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Copy of the Mayor of Cork to Grey, 18 March 1580/1

Endorsements

Copie of a [lettre](#) from
[the Maiour](#) of Corke

xviiij^o Martij

A spanishe vessell [with](#) .50. [Spaniards](#)
in it lately about Kinsall
borded a fisher man & tooke
owt of him twoe of the skil=
fullest mariners to serue
for pilots: and this done
departed.

Text

Right Honorable and my very good [Lord](#) my humble and moste
bounden dutye remembred, yt may please the same to be aduertised
that suche ys the occasion of my wrytinge vnto [your Lordship](#) at this
[Presente](#) that ther ys intelligence Coom from Kynsall that the
xvjth of this [presentes](#) A Spanishe Vessell sailinge aboute 5
the heade of Kinsale conteynge the number of fyfty men
or theraboutes haue mette [with](#) A Boate fyshinge from that
Towne [which](#) the Spaniardes boarded, and of the beste
Pylotes therin haue taken aborde their saide vesselle toe, and
discharged the saide fysher boate; [which](#) sayde Spanishe 10
vessell imediatly [departed with](#) the saide toe men of Kynsale
beinge good Mariners and where or [which](#) waye they wente yt ys
vnknownen, and what their intention was or ys I leaue that to
[your](#) ••••* [Lordship](#) to consider thynkinge yt ys for no good purpose
And so bycause I thoughte yt my dutye to Certefye [your](#) 15
[Lordship](#) therof I haue written thus muche. humbly takinge my leaue,
wishinge [your](#) honour prosperous successe in all [your Lordships](#) proceedinges
From Corke the xviiijth of Marche: 1580 :

Your [Lordships](#) moste humbly to Comande

[Christofer](#) Walter. Maior. 20

Copia Vera
[Edmund Spenser](#)

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* 14 ••••] 'Hono^{ur}' deleted.