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Grey to Burghley, 28 August 1581

Address and Endorsements

To the right Honorable
my very good Lord **the**
Lord Burghley Lord
High Threasurer
of England yeue
this

28 August 1581

The **Lord** Deputy of Ireland
to my **Lord**.

Victells to be sent to Yowghal
& other partes of Munster

the Lord Thresurer

Text

By my letters too my **Lords** now **yowr** Lordship shall vnderst=
ande how peacyble wee growe now in these partes,
God hoald it, **which** yet I wyll guyue no warrantize
for thowghe it shall not alyttle content mee to
haue my expectation deceaued; neuertheless **the** 5
winnyng of tyme, if no better coome of it wyll
bee no loss, consideryng owre many lewose endes
too bee looked too, & her **Maiesties** dislyke thowroughly
too deale **with** them as **the** certaynetie of **the** cure
would requyre. Good my **Lord** healp vs & that 10
with sum speede too mooney & vittayle. As my
forsayd letters doo declare mysellf presently, God not
lettyng, is prepared into Munster toowardes
the **which** iorney not one penny yet I haue; neyther,
as last I wrote to **yowr** Lordship, any scrop of vittayle 15
is there left in those partes on thys syde* Limbrick,
which, too, by this dayes aduertisement, wastes apace,
humbly therefore doo I beeseetche **yowr** Lordship, **that** speedie
care bee had for **the** sending of sum good **propor**=

tions too Yowghhall, Limbrick & Dingle²⁰
where for that prouince the Staples wyll lye
conuenientliest. This place neyther must bee
forgotten, for the manie garrisoones & * iorneyes,
that this spryng heetherto haue onely of the store
been fed •* throwghe extremitye of the cuntries 25
scarcenes, hathe now left heere lykewyze but
a small remayne/* So earnestly beequeathyng
the regard of these owre wantes to yowr Lordships carefull
& faourable healp I humbly take leaue; prayng
the allmyghtie God euer too bee with yow. Dublin the xxviith of 30
August 1581.

Yowr Lordships assuredly euer,
Arthur Grey

¶ **Note on hands** The address is in Spenser's usual secretary hand, here fairly cramped. The text of the letter, including the subscription, is in Grey's usual italic hand, very spidery, with his autograph signature. The series of endorsements was added by a later hand, presumably when the letter was being filed in London.

* **16 syde]** 'syde' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **23 garrisoones &]** '&' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **25 fed •]** 'f' deleted.

¶* **27 remayne/]** Grey has here overwritten a comma with a forward slash.

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