

Hatfield House, Cecil Papers MS 12/16
Grey to Burghley, 28 November 1581

Address and Endorsement

To the right Hono-
rable my especiall
good Lord the Lord Bur-
ghley Lord Thresurer
of England yeue
this

The Lord Deputy of Ireland to
my Lord by Sir Nicholas Malby
Commendacion of Sir Nicholas seruice
That Anthony Lawe, may haue
his pencion continued & payd
in England:

Text

My very good Lord the sufficiency of this bearer
will ease me of labour in long discoursing to your
Lordship the present estate of this countrey and dailye
affaires succeding to whose credit I haue committed
the reporting thereof, beseeching your Lordship to yield him⁵
favorable hearing in the same, and also in all
other his private causes for which he cometh such
Countenance and furtheraunce to her Maiestie as that
both I may thereby haue, wherefore to bee thanckfull
to your Lordship and he may fynd that my request to
your Lordship in his behalf hath bene no hinderaunce to
his cause. Nether is the gentleman indeed in respect
of him self and his well deserving vnworthy of
such your Lordships favour & good liking, having aswell
by his long good service formerly (not vnknown
to your Lordships) and daily well ordering of that gouernement
now committed to his charge (which my self can
wittnesse): as also by his continuall assistaunce
here in Counsell, and readines in all occasions of
employment many waies deserved to bee both favored
and furthered. Euen so leaving him to your Lordships
wise consideracion, & your self to the goodnes of

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the Almighty, I hartely take leave. Dublin,
the xxviith of November. 1581. /

I am to praye yowr Lordship too stand good Lord too powre anthony Lawe, whow, by Gods hande of sicknes beeyng made vt= terly vnable for seruyce heere, maye haue his pencion allowed hym in that Realme & so bee dischargd hence, that mans estate wayed it wyll bee a charitable act. /	Yowr Lordships assured at Commaundment, Arthur Grey	25 30
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{Lord} Thresurer./

□**Note on hands**The main text of the letter, with the address, is in Spenser's usual secretary hand. Grey has added his own subscription, signature, and postscript in his customary italic. The endorsement is in a later hand, probably added when the letter was filed in London. The note at the foot of the page ('{Lord} Thresurer./') is probably in Spenser's mixed hand, and seems to have been added to remind Spenser, or another secretary, that, upon addressing and sealing the letter, the packet should be directed to Burghley.

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