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John Norris to the Privy Council, 7 March 1584/5

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honora  
ble my very good Lords  
& otheres of her Maiesties  
{P}rivie Councell../

.Lordes.  
.7. Marche .1584.

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Mr. Iohn Norrys.  
sent for by the Lord Deputie  
to attend him in his ior=  
ney agaynst the Skots: but  
the Lord Deputie discounsel=  
led from that iorney he  
mindeth to returne to  
his owne chardge.

Text

It may please your Lordships to bee aduertized that vpon re-  
port of the landing of number of Scottes with Agnus  
mac Conell in the North, I was sent for downe  
hether by my Lord Deputie to attend his Lordship in a  
iourney which he forthwith purposed to make thether,5  
but hearing that the said Scottes either terrified  
with the strength of the garrizon there from further  
attempt or drawne home agayne by meanes of  
some Chaunges or troubles there happened as is in-  
formed) & being bycause of the vntymely season of  
the yeare discounseled from taking so hard a iorney  
in hand, his Lordship hath therevpon stayed his purpose.  
So now my self am presently to retourne back vnto the  
place of my Charge, which since my Coming thence I  
heare not but to stand in very good wise as I left  
it & so likely to continue; but the wastnes and  
generall desolacion of the whole countrey is such as well  
for want of people as of cattell being all consumed  
through the late warres as that emongst them which re-  
mayne, many stealthes are committed to keepe them

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in life, which are hard to be avoided through their extreme necessitie. Neuerthelesse I doubt not, but so to handle the Charge of gouernement, as that yt shall bee continued in good quietnes vnlesse greater Accident then yett appeareth doe happen. Of all which, as occasion still falleth, I will from tyme to tyme aduertize vnto your Lordships. And so I humbly take leave. Dublin, the vij<sup>th</sup> of March. 1584.

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Your Honours humbly at Commaund,

Iohn Norreys

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¶ **Note on hands** The address and the main text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's usual secretary hand. The endorsement, presumably added later, when the letter was being filed in London, is in a distinct hand.

\* **Endorsement** [.....] indecipherable deletion, about 15-20 characters.

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