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Grey to Walsingham, 30 November 1580

Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my very Loving
Frend Sir Fraunces
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary
to her Maiesty./

30 Nouember 1580
From the lord Gray.
why he can not plea
sure mr kirton with the
charge of a band

Text

Sir I am very sory that I cannot according to
your request pleasure this Gentleman Mr Kirton
in whose behalf you have wrytten vnto me con-
sidering that before his coming the Charge of the
former bandes were already distributed, and these which⁵
are newly come ouer are appointed to their leaderes
by my Lords there; so as I can nether pleasure any
which shall make request vnto mee, nor yett thereby
reward such whose service hath well deserved yt
Onely there remayne twoo bandes without Capteins
for the which notwithstanding I have passed my promise
already to otheres. So desyring for the present to
be held excused, being in the rest euery way most
ready to gratefy you, with my hartly Commendations
I betake you to God. Clonmeill the last November

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Yowres euer wholly,
Arthur Grey

¶**Note on hands**The text of the letter and the address are written in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand; the subscription and signature are Grey's. The endorsement, added upon receipt and filing of the letter in London, is in two hands: part mixed italic (first two lines) and part cramped secretary (last three lines).

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