

**NA (PRO) SP 63/82/16**  
*Grey to Walsingham, 7 April 1581*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the Honorable  
my very good  
frend Sir fraunces  
Walsingham Knight  
Chief Secretary  
to her Maiestie. /

7 Aprill 1581  
From the Lord Deputy.

**Text**

My lettre too 10\* I ••••\* haue sent heere enclosed not knowyng whow  
shallbee called too the consultation, in deliuary  
therfore therof,\* vse yowr owane discretion. /

In case\* it ••\* bee too bee deliuered lett theEuer yowres,  
bearar haue the\* deliuerie of it I praye yow. Arthur Grey



¶ **Note on hands** The brief text of this letter is in Grey's characteristic italic hand, including some words in code. The address is in Spenser's usual secretary, and the endorsement – presumably added later, when the letter was filed in London – in a distinct italic.

\* **1 10]** Unknown cipher.

¶\* **1 ••••]** 'haue' deleted.

¶\* **3 consultation...therof]** The words 'consultation' and 'in deliuey therfore therof' in code; the recipient, presumably Walsingham, has transliterated the code above the line, character for character. (Two symbols of the code, in 'consultation' and 'therfore', have been deleted, probably by Grey; the word 'in' has not been transliterated; and the transliterator has written 'trof' above the symbols for 'throf', which we have expanded to 'therof'.)

¶\* **4 case]** 'case' inserted above the line, with caret mark.

¶\* **4 ••]** 'ca' deleted.

¶\* **5 the]** 'the' inserted above the line, with caret mark.

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