

**Endorsement**

Copie of **the** Countesse  
of Desmonds supplicacion  
to **the Lord** Generall &  
Councell of Mounster.

**Text**

To the righte honorable the **Lord** Gennerall  
and Counsell of Mounster.

Wheras it pleased your **Lordship** (at my humble sute) to graunte me  
license to repaire to your presence, for conference sake, **which**  
I hope shalbe to the furtheraunce of her **Maiesties** service, and<sup>5</sup>  
the common quiet of this Province of Mounster. Beinge now  
commen hither, my humble petition is, that as nature tyeth  
me to the Companie of my Lord, my husbnde, (who so vnhapely  
is fallen into her **Maiesties** heavie displeasure;) yet my duetie  
remembred to her **Maiestie**) not Doubtinge but her highnes (of  
her greate clemency) will (vppon my moste humble sute vnto  
her) haue regarde **with** mercifull eares vnto my cause I beseche  
as hertofore I haue often donne (in hope that my travell,  
maye **partlie** be a meane to brede a generall quiet vnto this  
province, and **procure** mercie to my husbnde nowe driven to  
distresse) that I may be licensed, **with** some convenient  
company (to your wisdomes thought mete to attende on me)  
to repaire into Englande, to the presence of her highnes,  
and her moste honnorable Counsell to craue her mercy, and  
to declare the miserable state, of my saide husbnde and  
my self. &c ./.

I doe also beseche your wisdomes  
that I may take my daughters  
or daughter **with** me into England  
or els to leave them, or her, for  
theyr better educacion **with** my Frendes  
vntyll my retorne out of England,  
she or they to remaine free, and  
not as prisonners. /

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Ex copia vera  
Edmund Spenser

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□**Note on hands**The text of the letter is in a neat and regular secretary, the same as that of 63/83/6 I (i.e. not Spenser's). The endorsement is in Spenser's mixed hand, and his certification and autograph signature appear at the foot of the text.

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