

**Text and Endorsement**

After our right hartie commendacions to your Lordship we haue  
sene a **lett**re written from your Lordship and the rest of the  
Counsell in that Province, concerning a petition therinclosed  
exhibited by the Countesse of Desmonde in the behaf  
of her self and others: Whervnto yow desyre the<sup>5</sup>  
resolucion of me the Lord Deputie: And because the  
substaunce of her petition is no more then heretofore  
she hath presented vnto Sir William Pelham, we must  
make that **peremptorie** aunswere, that he (by her  
**Maiesties** direction in writinge **which** some of vs have  
sene) gave vnto her at Asketon, namely that her  
**Maiestie** wold not allowe of her repaire into England,  
nor by any means suffer it in her, who (as your Lordship  
knoweth willfully fell from her **protection**, and ever  
since hath fundered the action as farre as any other  
of the conspiratours. Since **which** resolucion of her **Maiestie**  
the treason of bringing in of straungers into this  
Realme by the practize of her husband, and by all  
coniecture much fundered by her, hath in all resonable  
opinion so aggravated, her former offences, as we see lesse  
cause nowe then before, to graunt a matter so offensive  
to her highnes. Besydes if her **protection** to come  
and goe saffe to your Lordship and the rest; when this  
petition was exhibited, hath brought forth no other  
fruite then desire to be licensed to goe into England  
(**which** might aswell have ben conceived by a pece of paper  
or any sleight messenger, as by her self) we cannot  
but wonder that she was suffred to have accesse vnto  
the Counsell; especially for conference sake; a terme  
of suche arrogancie as cannot be borne vnlesse that it  
had fallen out vppon her speche, (**which** appereth not  
vnto vs) that her **Maiesties** service might haue bene  
fundered by it. wherof we wolde be glad to be furder  
aduertised from your Lordship And if no suche thinge haue  
succeeded, then we see no cause why she sholde hope

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of fauor vpon so arrogant a petition made without  
submission or confession of her husbandes horrible  
treasons and her owne. / And therefore till we may  
vnderstande what she hath vttered that may tend  
to her Maiesties service and the quiett of the Province 40  
promysed in bill, we thinke it not mete (the cause  
standing as it doth that she or her sister or her  
Daughters, or any her dependauntes be privyldged without  
speciall direction from her Maiestie, which we suppose 45  
cannot growe without better ground whereon to  
graftt mercie & comiseracion then is yet apparaunt,  
which we haue thought good to signifye to your Lordship  
lest your word or promisse sholde be any way violate or  
not kept as it ought to be in all pointes: And lastly  
we doe wyshe that when your Lordship and the Counsell 50  
there doe desyre our resolucions from hence, that  
you wolde signifye your owne opinions touchinge the  
cases yow write of wherby we might gather from  
your knowledge, as eye wittnesses, what were most  
expedient for the service for vs to resolve vpon. 55  
And so we committ your Lordship to God Dublin x<sup>th</sup> may 1581.

Copie of my Lord Deputies lettre & Counce{ll}  
answering to the Lord Generall  
and Councell of Mounster.



¶**Note on hands**The text of the letter is in the same neat and regular secretary hand as that appearing in 63/83/6/1 and /2; the concluding endorsement is in Spenser's mixed hand (not noted by Petti). This enclosure, alone of the three in this series, has not been certified.

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