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Grey et al. to the Privy Council, 10 December 1581

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable the **Lords** and others of her **Maiesties** privie Councill./

Lords

10 December 1581
The **Lord** Deputie and Council.
On **the** behalfe of Captein Thorneton

Text

It maye please **your** good **Lordshipes** Forasmuche as this bearer George Thorneton Capten of her **Maiesties** Shipp named the Handmayde, is by mee the Lorde Deputie nowe lycensed vpon his humble suite to repaire to the **Courte**, after his painefull service and attendaunce at Sea in theis late Warres, as is to bee remembred in the Services boathe at Smerwick, Carickfoyle,⁵ Asketin, and Dingle ICushe in Mounster, and otherwise vpon the Northerne Coastes of this Lande, for the repressinge of the Irishe **Scottes**, and other voiages diverslie towards the Spanishe Coastes, for escryinge the preparacions from thence to bee attempted, And that his contynuaunce in this Realme theis xvj^{teene} yeares past, **with** all readynes, endeavour, 10
and loialtie, that hee was able to extende in his charge beeinge the onlie man in that callinge for all tournes and services at Sea, that wee have to employe; doeth so deserve **our** esspeciall Commendacon, as wee could not leave him (in respecte of his greate travayle, paynes & chardgies in theis affaires thus susteyned) vnaccompanied **with** theis **our** **Lettres** 15
for iuste praise of his desert in regarde of Service; Beseechinge **your** good **Lordshipes** therefore to stande his good **Lords** the rather in eny his reasonable Suites there to bee moved before **your** honors, and to bee meanes to the Queenes highnes for his relief to mayneteyne his Estate and lyvinge for his furder enhablinge; And for that hee of him self can best 20
declare to **your** Honors the wantes to bee furnished to her **Maiesties** saied Shippe, **which** wee thinck meete and verie necessarie to bee spedelie accomplished for to bee in readynes heere for eny accidentes to ensue, wee leave the same the rather to his declaracion, prayinge **your** **Lordshipes**

to speede his dispatche therein: And so with remembrance of our
dewties and humble Commendacions wee leave you to the tuition of the
Almightie, whoe longe preserve your Lordshipes to his Almighty pleasure;
Dublin the xth of December 1581. 25

Your Lordships assuredly to commaund,

Arthur Grey 30

Robert Dillon
Henry Wallop Lucas Dillon Nicholas Malbie
Iohn Garuey Edward Waterhous
Geffray Fenton

¶**Note on hands**The text of this letter, including the subscription, is written in a regular and fairly ornate secretary hand (not Spenser's). The signature is Grey's, to which other members of the Irish privy council have added their autograph marks. The address is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, and the endorsement in a later hand, probably added when the letter was being filed.

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