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*Grey to Walsingham, 29 December 1581*

**Address and Endorsement**

To my especiall good  
Frend Sir Fraunces  
Walsingham Knight  
Chief Secretary to  
her Maiestie. /

24 December 1581  
From the Lord Deputye

**Text**

Sir, being by reason of contrary windes forced  
to stay my former packett, so as the date thereof  
may seeme somewhatt stale, notwithstanding  
fynding no new occasion of Aduertizement here sithens  
happened; I haue not altered the first purpose<sup>5</sup>  
thereof. Onely this I haue presently to wryte,  
that vpon arrivall of the Threasure my self  
with the rest of the Councell here being assembled  
to determyne of the disposing of the same according  
to your Lordships late direccion from her Maiestie we finde  
the sayd direccion and restreynt so hard & impor-  
tunate, as by no possibility of reason wee can  
comasse the same, considering the extreme exigent  
here, and the hard hand there layed vpon vs.  
To which effect I haue now presently written vnto  
their Lordships, signifying the great distresses in  
which I am doubly tossed; which I beseeche you lyke-  
wise with all earnestnes make knowen vnto them;  
and what in your self shall lye, labour to ease  
me of so insupportable a burden. The which  
leaving vnto your frendly trust, I betake you  
to the goodnes of th'Almighty.  
Dublin,  
the xxix<sup>th</sup> of December. 1581. /

Yours euer most assured, 25

Arthur Grey



□**Note on hands**The address and text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's usual fluid secretary hand. The signature is Grey's familiar mark. The endorsement is in a later hand, presumably added during the filing of the letter in London.

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