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Grey to the Privy Council, 13 February 1581/2

Address and Endorsements

To the right Honorable
my very good **Lords** and
otheres of her **Maiesties**
Privie Councill yeue
this

Lords

13 February 1581
The **Lord** Deputy.
on **the** behalfe of Neil* Mac
goghgan.

Text

Rosse mac Goghgan

Neil mac Goghgan

Yt may please your **Lordships** Whereas in **the** late gouvernement
of **Sir Henry Sidney*** her **Maiesty** directed special **lettres**
of Instruccion vnto him, for the setting ouer of the
Captentry of Macgoghegans Countrey vnto **Rosse mac**
Gohegan, who was of late wickedly murdered by the 5
Traitor his brother Bryan, & to the heires males of
his body lawfully begotten; I haue thought good, aswell
in regard of the sondry former good services & due{t}ies* of
the said Rosse towards her **Maiesty** by meanes whereof
his daies were the rather shortened, as also for the
great hope & present good carriage of his sonne **Neil**
mac Goghegan to commend vnto your **Lordships** the renewing
of her **Maiesties** said good meaning towards **the** father, and
the contynuing thereof vnto the sonne, who daily
here giveth vnto vs good signes of his towardnes
& duetifull mynd towards her **Maiestie** For the
which humbly beseeching your **Lordships** to bee a meane vnto
her **Maiesty** the rather at my request, aswell for
the better encoraging & confirming the young man
in his said forwardnes, as also by ensample of her
gratious goodnes towards him to stirre vp otheres
to the like desyre of well deserving, I humbly take

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leave. Dublin
the xiiijth of
February.
1581/

Your Lordships most assured to
Commaund,
Arthur Grey

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¶ **Note on hands** The text and address of this letter are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, and the endorsement, as usual, in a distinct italic hand, presumably added during the filing process in London. Grey has supplied his usual autograph signature. Three names mentioned in the letter have been underlined, presumably after receipt; in two cases these names have been copied by a distinct mixed hand (possibly Walsingham's) in the left margin.

* **Endorsement Neil** 'Neil' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **2 of Sir Henry Sidney** These words, like the others further on, were probably underlined by a reader, perhaps by the same hand responsible for the annotations.

¶* **8 due{t}ies** The 't' here has been blotted, but the intended word is obvious.

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