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Grey to Walsingham, 8 April 1582.

Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my most assured
good Frennd Sir
Fraunces walsingham
Knight Chief Secre-
tary to her Maiesty. /

8 April 1582
The Lord Deputy.
mr Secretary

Text

Sir, yowr letters of the 24th of the last I receaued the second of {this}*
date, the which heethertoo I forbare too saye any thying too as
well for that they contayned nothyng that requyred any
haste of awnsswer, as allso that the morroghe vppon theyr
•* receyte I was too take a iorney into Meathe for5
the hoolding of a cession for the tryall of Nycholas
Nugent late Iustice of the Common please heere & Edward
Cusake of Lissmoullen, Ientlemen boathe of no small
recknyng in the cuntrie; I doo now certifie my Lords there
at sum lengthe of the manner & issue of owre pro-
ceedinges in that cession; I wyll therfore heere saye no
more of it but that they were boathe condemned, Nicholas
executed, & the oother saued.

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I fynde by these yowr letters the former aduertissements from oother
my freendes concernyng her Maiesties resolution for my yet abydyng
heere confirmed; I muse not a lyttle of it, for consideryng
the greate dislyke her Hyghnes hathe sheowed too conceaue
of my seruyce, •* greate reazon I cawght of assured hoape
too haue been delyuered of it, & no oother cause of the alteration
can I settle but onely that of Pamphilius, Cum nemini obrudi20
potest itur ad me, Well I am in deede tyed too the stake,
pleazure now I must attende, ootherwyze sure if I were from
it, I woold rather bee duryng lyeff a pryzoner then ••* re
tourne too it agayne; and ••* yet with the yll as* yow guyue mee sum
coomforte that yow wyll not yet guyue it ouer so (which many25
thanckes I yeeld yow for) so I earnestly requyre yow earnestly

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too followe it, & good Sir lett it bee made knowen too her Maiesty
that I am vtterly vnable any lenger too hoald it owte, trauayle my
bodie & care my mynde haue so owteborne; too doo good is desperat,
purchase of disgrace is assured. /

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yow wryte that I shuld now receaue letters from my Lords for allow-
ance of sum conduct mooney too the discharged companies,
I haue yet* seene noane sutch, beesydes that they had now coome too late,
all beeyng dispatched allreadie with less chardge, wherin I haue
played, I trowe, the pretie husbnde.³⁵

I send yow moe aduertissements owte of Munster & Vllster, whyther
they meane sporte or good earnest too yowr considerations there
I leaue them, as they coome too mee so I beetake them
vntoo yow, saue mee from blame in the euent, that is onely
my care & request.

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The daye after Ihon Zowtche his departure hence which was
on thursdaye last the letter from Sir Warram St Linger came
too mee, the which I thowght good too send yow boathe {...}
better taste vnto yow of that prouince, as allso that {...}
myght see how his opinion hoaldes with theirs there that⁴⁵
wyll vndertake with 5^c or 600. too defende the cuntrie &
doo meruayles in enterpryzies beesydes.

The Connors growe in these partes too sum pryde & strengthe
temporising with them by reason of this discharge & many* of the same
beeyng fallen vnto them is cause of it; I meane presently,⁵⁰
God wyllng, too vizitt them mysellf, the woorck wherof
with Gods fauoure I greatly accounte not of.

Apprehensions, examinations, tryalls & Commissions of enquiryie
abowte these late detected Consspirators haue caused that the landes
could not yet bee surueyed & so not valewed; heere therefore
hathe been the staye of the certificat, when it shall coome
forgett not I praye yow Sir Lucas && Sir Robert Dillon.

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I can gett no awnsswer from yow in my sute for Sir Edward
Moore; It is moast necessarie that Ihon Zowtche, hys gou-
ernment wayed shuld bee of the councell, I praye yow
therefore by yowr next lett mee receaue direction for boathe.

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I thanck yow for remembring the Bisshop of Meathe, & my
Coozin Garrett.

Lastly vrged by extremitie for mysellf I must sue; Mr
Threasorer heere came this oother daye & toald mee that according
too the allowance that hee had warrant for myne entertaynement

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I was 1600ⁱ quade, & prayed mee too looke vnto it, for
 hee dowghted whyther it shulld lyght on hym or no in
 case further warrant were not procured, & seemed too
 stande in dowght whyther hee myght emprest mee heerafter 70
 withowte oother direction abooue the allowance of the prezent
 warrant; Sir, it is in twoo respects a very heauey burden
 vnto mee, the one that for my due I shulld seeme beehoaldyng too
 any, the oother, that my place wayed I shulld heere bee scantled
 of any, & too bee playne with yow I can neyther beecome the 75
 one nor beare the oother; onece abooue my due, God wylling, I
 wyll not goe, & for all* that I see no * authoritie* that the Thresorer
 hath too denye* the Deputies warrant in sutche a case; but for
 my parte I dezyre but too haue ryght & for the rest, If
 it shall not concerne seruice, I wyll neuer for myne owane⁸⁰
 pryuate press what I myght; I beeseetche yow ther=
 fore, Sir, that my due allowance maye bee warranted, ootherw=
 yze surely it wyll turne too myne vndooyng as yowrsellf
 by this recknyng maye geather, & * that I trust is
 neyther her Hyghnes nor yow my freendes that sent mee hyther⁸⁵
 mynde or meanynges. So crauyng moast humbly of my good
 God too ryd mee from thys hatefull place wherby nothyng
 but trooble too my freendes & destruction euerie waye too
 mysellf I fynde too growe, I take leaue & beeseetche
 the allmyghtie too keepe, bless & prosper yowrsellf euer: Dublin 90
 the viijth of Aprill 1582 /*

Yowrs moast assured euer,

Arthur Grey

¶**Note on hands**The text of the letter, including the subscription and signature, is in Grey's characteristic hand. Spenser's usual secretary hand appears in the address, while the endorsement, presumably added when the letter was being filed in London, is in a distinct hand.

* **1 {this}**] slight damage to the right margin of the manuscript has obscured the end of this line. The formulaic phrasing, however, makes the missing word obvious.

¶* **5 ••**] 'ce' deleted.

¶* **18 •**] 'g' deleted.

¶* **23 •••**] 'bee' deleted.

¶* **24 ••**] 'as' deleted.

¶* **24 as**] 'as' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **33 yet**] 'yet' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **43 {...}**] damage to the manuscript has obliterated the end of this line, and of the line following. The superscript 't' of 'that' is also missing on this line, but can be reasonably inferred.

¶* **49 many**] 'many' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **77 all**] 'all' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **77 ••••• ••** authoritie] 'reazon why' deleted, and 'authoritie' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **78 denye**] 'denye' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **84 •**] 'y' deleted.

¶* **91 1582 /1**] Grey seems originally to have written '1581', and then superimposed the '2' on the '1'. Given that the (old-style) new year was only a few weeks old, this is not a surprising slip.

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