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Grey to Burghley, 30 April 1582

Address and Endorsements

To the right Honorable my very good
Lord the Lord Burghley
Lord High Thresorer of
England yeue this

Vltimo Aprilis. 1582
The Lord Deputy of Ireland.
By Mr Capteine Vaughan.

letters
Lord Grey
Deputy of Ireland

Text

My very good Lord; This bearer Iames Vaughan late lieutenant vnto Captein Ienkins, having by the space of these xx^{ty} yeares very well and painfully served her Maiesty both in Fraunce & in this Realme, and for the most part in Office in the field, in the which he hath sondry tymes⁵ adventured him self to the losse both of his lymbes, and also of his substaunce, having heretofore (as is credibly informed vnto me) lost m^{li} by Tirlagh Lenagh, by whome he was taken Prisoner, and in all that tyme Carried him self like a tall Soldier & an honest man, is now amonges the rest here discharged of her Maiesties pay. Wherevpon intending now to repaire ouer into England, he hath earnestly besought my favorable lettres vnto your Lordship and other his good Frenedes there, to whome he desyreth his long good Carriage here to be made knowen, hoping thereby to procure further favour in such sutes as he meaneth to sollicit. Wherefore I could not but deliuer vnto your Lordship the true wisse of his well deserving since my Coming ouer into this land, & also the report of his former good vsage, by otheres of very good credit here testified: beseeching your Lordship in all his reasonable sutes to shewe him such favour & good Countenance as he may thereby perceiue these my lettres to have bene

available in his behalf. Euen so referring him to
your Lordships wise Consideracion, I Committ you to Almighty
god. Dublin the last of Aprill. 1582. /

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Your Lordships assured to Commaund,

Arthur Grey

Thresorer. /

□**Note on hands**The address and text of the letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's cursive secretary hand; Grey has added his usual signature. The endorsement is in two distinct hands, suggesting that the first and second halves were added to the letter at different times. The word 'Thresorer' in the bottom left-hand margin of the letter has been added in an italic hand, probably by Spenser; these 'addressee notes' were added by the secretaries drafting the letter to remind them, when addressing and dispatching the document after signing, to whom it should be directed.

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