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Grey to Walsingham, 7 May 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the honorable my
most especiall good frend
Sir Fraunces Walsingham
Knight Chief Secre-
tary to her Maiesty. /

2. May 1582
The Lord Deputy.
iustification of Mackworth
and Cosby
Capten Rawley.
Bowen restored to his
office

Text

Sir, I haue in this last Packett received five seueral
lettres from your self, one of the which bearing date the xxviiijth
of Aprill aduertizeth some dislike which her Highnes conceiveth
for some treasonable partes (as they are termed) wrought
by Captein MacWorth, Cosby and otheres here against the 5
Irish, in intrapping and betraying them. As I trust for
myne owne part there shall neuer bee any iust cause of
doubt, & as litle neede of a Parenthesis for my Clearing
of any treasonable partes, so must I since my gouernement excuse
and defend not onely these two gentlemen here named, but all 10
otheres of the cryme alleaged, for any thing that euer I heard
of. And for those ij specified, my knowledg I will say,
that the one namely Humfrey MacWorth since my
gouernement hath carried him self so well & without complaint
and donne such service besides, as certainly in right might 15
haue expected Commendation & reward, rather then a meane
rebuke, much lesse the imposition of a villeinous behaveour
vpon report of some such as I doe deeme neuer hath nor is
able to Come nere him in sufficiency or performauce of his
tried service nether will for all his bragges stand to the 20
proofe of the informacion: As for the other, Cosbye I meane
of my Creditt Sir, since my Coming, nether directly nor
otherwise hath he euer hurt man, & besides so poore, as hardly

bread he is able to putt into his owne mouth & families:
so farre from ablenes to entrap any other by banqueting. 25
By **the** trowth hereof lett the credit of the other bee
framed, yf my testimony may not bee taken; and yett
withhall lett me I pray you crave her **Maiesty** to bee putt
in mynd, **that** yt can bee but very sclender furtheraunce
to her service, & especially in the shape of these tymes here 30
to have men for venturing of lyfe and taking away of
Rebelles & villeynous **persons** indeed to God, Prince, and
Countray, rebuked, disgraced, & **condemned** of treasonable partes
vpon ***** doubtlesse* a treasonable & envyous report; this handling
will surely cause much Cost & litle service. / 35

Your other **lett**re of **the** xxijth of the same is onely in the
behalfe of one Mr Henry Guilford a kinsman of **youres**
for contynuaunce of a Custodiam graunted him by **Sir**
William Pelham nere Limericke. The **gentleman** as yett I haue
not heard of, **which** I shall no sooner doe, but that this **your*** Com-40
mendation liking & kindred specified, besides all other desert
shalbee sufficient to make him taste of any **favour**, that
by me may be affoorded; being yett to putt you in mynd
that you must stand **with** mee in yt, yf need require, **your** self
not ignorant what blame & prohibicion I haue received 45
for grauntes of Custodiams. /

As for **Captain** Rawleyes assignement to **the** Charge of Apsleies
band, **which** in **your** **lett**re of the second of Aprill you *** write
to bee signified vnto me by a **lett**re from her **Maiesty** I haue
no **lett**re **which** specifieth any such thing to me; and for myne50
owne part I must bee playne I nether lyke his carriage
nor Company, and therefore other then by direccion & com-
maundement, & what his right can require, he is not to
expect at my **handes**. /

Further I haue received a **lett**re of **the** same date for the 55
contynuaunce of one Bowen in **the** office of Serieaunt
at Armes in Mounster. Surely the office was **neuer**
meant to bee taken from him, till being visited* **with** a
great infirmity & so dishabled for the supplying thereof
yt was thought good, **with** consideracion to him not **with**stan-60
ding, to bee otherwize disposed; vpon whose recouery
neuertheless yt was agayne restored. Thus having
satisfied **your** iiij **lett**res together, I haue nomore at
this present but most hartely to **Commend** you to
Almighty god. **Dublin**, the vijth of May. 1582. / 65

Yours euer most assuredly,

Arthur Grey

¶**Note on hands**The address and the text of this letter, including the subscription, are in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand. As usual, Grey has added his autograph signature. The endorsement, in a later hand, seems to have been added when the letter was being filed in London.

* **34 ••••• doubtlesse]** 'surely' deleted and 'doubtlesse' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **40 your]** 'yor' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

¶* **48 •••]** 'sig' deleted.

¶* **58 visited]** 'visited' written over prior 'visiting'

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