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Grey to Walsingham, 10 May 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the Honorable
my especiall good
frend Sir Fraunces
Walsingham Knight
Chief Secretary
to her Maiesty. /

10 May 1582
The Lord Deputy.
Breningham.

Text

Sir her Maiesties rare kindenes in this matter hathe caused mee too doo ootherwyze then in my oother letters to yow I protested, neyther in deede shall I bee able, if this cours of harcknyng to euerie pryuate complaynt, or rather malicius enformation bee heald, for neyther wyll my wyttes & bodie carie the toyle, nor dispatche of more important causies suffre it. The cause is at lardge awnsswered & yet no less truly then lardgely; the resolution there now for the parties handlyng, wyll make not a lyttle too the countenance or disgrace of the place that I now hoald, •* boathe for the prezent & too coome, her Maiestie therefore is too bee putt in mynde of it. Well Sir my tyme I trust in God & yowr good meanes shall bee but short, yet surely shall I euer wyll¹⁵ & wysse well too the State, as no small iewell too owre natiue lande in case God woold open at any tyme owre Princies mynde truly too looke intoo the dewe meanes of refoormyng the same.

68.* hathe sowght reconciliation with mee sum wrong doonne²⁰ mee* is confessed & causers therof that I lyttle woold haue suspected discoouered; the Lord forguyue mee as I forguyue all & so an end. God euer direct & bless yow. Dublin this xth of Mai. 1582.

I send too yow heerwith empacketed Yowrs moast assuredly 25
the Copies of the Order, bill of euer:

Complaynte, & letter of Brimengheams
owane too a Collector, all which arre Arthur Grey

mencioned in her Hyghnes letter from the table
heere in this packett. / 30

My oother packett hathe been stayed •* by contrarie wynde tyll as
wyll appeare by theyr dates. /

{Mr Sec}retary*

¶**Note on hands**The entire text of the letter is in Grey's rough italic hand, concluding with his own autograph signature. Spenser's customary secretary hand appears in the address; the endorsement, in a later hand, was presumably added during the filing process in London. The 'addressee note' appended to the foot of the page ('{Mr Sec}retary') is in Grey's hand; these notes were added by Grey, or one of his secretaries, to ensure that the secretary charged with addressing and dispatching the letter knew where to direct it.

* **12 •]** single ascending stroke deleted.

¶* **20 68.]** unknown cipher.

¶* **20-21 mee...mee]** 'mee sum wrong' and 'mee' in code, transliterated above the line character for character.

¶* **31 •]** single-character deletion (perhaps an open parenthesis).

¶* **33 {Mr Sec}retary]** the first part of this 'addressee note' has been obscured by the paste slip used to bind the letter into its archival volume.

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