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Grey to Walsingham, 22 May 1582

Address and Endorsement

To the right Honorable my especiall good
Frend Sir Fraunces
{W}alsingham Knight
Chief Secretary to
her Maiesty./

mr Secretary

22 May 1582
The Lord Deputy.
aunswere to the memori
als
Earl of Kildare. and his exa
minations.
his reuocation
warrant for his allow
ance
his iorney into ophaly.

Text

Sir, the xxjth of this date Sir Nicholas Mallbie
arryued heere: The instructions & Memorialls
hee browght were furthewith considered of by
the Councill heere, wheruppon it was thowght
necessarie too returne them now too her Maiestie
& my Lords with owre opinions & awnsswers
too euerie article therof according as moast
of the same doo enioyne vs.

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The Earl of Killdare & Baron of Delluin arre
now sent ouer as was directed & theyr
examinations taken at this tyme* with the
rest empacketed with sum oother not yet certified.
I haue signified to * her Maiestie the happynes I
take it too fynde no disgrace settled in her
agaynst mee, but withall doo sheowe the
small coomforte & less sufficiencie euerie
waye that rests in me too continewe in the

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place & therefore doo earnestly prosecute
styll my reuocation, **which** moast instantly
I beeseetche yow too importune, for if beefore
my dezyre that waye were not meanelly bent
surely by these thynges now sent ouer it is
trebble rooted & fastned in mee, for now I see
eeuen **the** mouthe of this powre cuntries destr=
uction fully made vp, & **the** honest therof
(thowghe feowe in deede) apparantly vndoonne &
expozed too **the** wyckeds tyrannie./

Sir Nicholas Mallbie dyd seeme to warrant
mee **that** within vj weekes I shulld haue my
dispatche, yet not fynding any confirma=
tion therof from **yoursellf** no hoape I
could settle of it: I beeseetche yow **sir** with as
conuenient speede as yow maye guyue mee sum
certayne knowlege, for **that** it standethe mee grea=
tly vppon for **the** dispozyng accordingly of my pry=
uate affayres, wherein I lyttle neede hyndring
protesting to God **that** I shall thynck mysellf
happie if I maye leaue **the** place but **with** 2000^{li}
loss: **which** wyll growe farre too a more reck=
nyng **with** mee in case my dewe allowance bee
withhealld, I hearyng nothyng as yet of **the** allow=
ance of **the** same; Surely **Sir**, I wyll neuer
God wylling troobble her Maiestie or any freend I
haue **with** any sute for recompence, onely my hyre
coouenanted I craue **which** in ryght & conscience
maye not bee denyed, & truly **yoursellf** beeyng
the onely recorde therof, necessitie **pressing** mee,
must bee **the** onely bodie **that** I shall call & crye
owte on for **the** same, I praye yow therefore
haue it in mynde; & in **the** meane tyme I wyll
certaynely make vp no accounte but **after**
that allowance.
I woold gladly receaue sum knowledge how myne
awnsswers too **the** late enformations agaynst
mee arre taken, as well in that concernyng

Patrick Brimingheam* as **the** rest.
Captayne Mackwoorthe I take assuredly slayne.

I am presently goyng into Ophaley too settle order
for the prosecutyng of those knaues, & yet how
too doo it hardly I see meanes for ••* lack 60
of mooney & vittayles.

The rest that concernethe this state the beares
sufficiencie shall make mee too bee silent
in, & so for this tyme wyll take leaue
prayeng the Allmyghtie God too keepe &
bless yow euer. Dublin the 22th of maie 1582.

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I send yow heerewith a drawght
of a warrant for myne enter=
taynement agreed on by the Thresurer
& auditor heere, which if it maye
bee passed wyll bee sufficient
for my due allowance, I praye
yow Sir labour it for mee, it is
but ryght & reasonable neyther in
sheowe that can dislyke her Maiestie:/

Yowrs moast assured
euer:

Arthur Grey

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¶ **Note on hands** The text of the letter, including the subscription, is in Grey's familiar hand, with his autograph signature. The address is in Spenser's characteristic secretary hand, while the endorsement, probably added during the filing of the letter in London, is in a compact and legible italic. The small note adjacent to the address on the reverse of the letter ('mr Secretary') is one of the usual 'addressee notes', in this case added by Grey himself, probably after folding up the letter for addressing (the minuscule forms of 'e' and 'r' seem to be Grey's, and the note is carefully positioned along one of the creases that define the border of the once-folded packet); this note would have been added to indicate to Spenser, who addressed and dispatched the packet, to whom it should be directed.

* **11 tyme]** The final 'e' of this word appears to be written over another letter, possibly 'y'.

¶* **13 •]** 'y^e' deleted.

¶* **56 Brimingheam]** An extra stroke appears in the 'ing' cluster in this name, probably as a result of Grey's haste.

¶* **60 ••]** Two-character deletion; possibly 'of'.

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