

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Cotton Caligula C III f. 60r - v. William Herle to Lord Burghley. The top three lines of this letter are badly eroded. The script becomes legible after the word 'knowes' in the second line.

Letter text:

[fol. 60r] 1571

Mi Lor[d] [...] forni[ture] knowes I have no mene to com by ani, & to [endure] [such] fleyes, & have nott somuche [...][sto]le to sitt on, nor ^{^a^}table to wryte on nor yett a clowtt to wipe on, ~~which is more than I can endure~~ Butt towching the servyce I [am] here for, the tyme consumes & I do nothyng & ~~for~~ the livetenant hath no warrant to suffer ani [ac]cesse unto me, nor somuche as paper & inck unles I will write to your L. or the Cowncell [w]hereby the cheeff purposer do decaye, for if in this beginneng, I do nott entertayne a wis[e] oppinion [1 word expunged] with mi cawses abrode, I mar all, as no dowtt Barthlett is ether for fere redy [to] ron awaye, having no encorage ment from me, or elles may give over ani further deling in the contrary passions that thus mete together, And withall I most have money to go threw with the busy[nes in] sondry wayes, otherwise it is vayne to procede in it, for as I speke only the ~~cheef~~good oppinion of mi Prince, & her preservatyon, so is it nott xli nor a Cli can do me good, butt in the end as I deserve well, so lett me have well, oweing Barthelett a 3li 15s which he most nedes have presently, elles this mi comittyng will make hym in dowtt of all together, & ^{^to^}breke of wholly in the busynes. It may plesse you therfore to send me viijli which makes up xxli, & I will make you true accompte as I laye it furthe, being ashamed that I shold thus dayly importune your L. butt that mi hability is nott eqwall to mi good will being entred into suche a discredite with mi frynds [that] ar com up to this parlyament, that where they had ment to have don largely for me, I am now wiped of all, & scarce a rag of myne own to mi back ^{^but borowed^}. Desireng your L. that I may speke [to] you tomorow mi self, for that I have sondry thyngs to say unto you by mowth, & this mi open b[...]ng to the Cowrt will make the better oppinion of me with the B. & lastly that I may have the key of the marshallsea & mi man ~~with~~ to repayre unto me, wheruppon rests mi grettest enterprise, & to understand your L. plesure whither I may certeffye the B. that I was examined ~~whither~~ ^{^iff^} I had eve[r] accesse unto hym, or whither ever I practised bettween Charles & hym ether by lres or messinger, w[hich] I most nedes denye to have confessed ani of this, or elles I cannott attayne to that end, which is to appere gilltles to the B. of ani overture or yeldyng of mi syde, wherby only I may enter into his former grace moreover it may plesse your L to wryte me or cawse master Blithe to do it whatt artycles ^{^I shall saye that^} I was examyned uppon by the Cowncell, that I may be throwly armed, lest he perceve a further halltyng in the matter ^{^than before^} desireng your L to consyder of mi state ^{^here^} & how willingly I wold do ani thyng that were servisable, mary I lye on the grownd, which my yll leg canott [1 word expunged] bere./ So most humbly taking mi leve, & most earnestly desireng to speke with your L./ iijj aprilis 1571 your L verely humbly To the Lord Burghly her Majestys principall Secretary