Transcript

Editorial comments:
BL MS Cotton Caligula C III f. 69r - v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Letter text:

[fol. 69r] 27 April: 1571 From William Herle to the Lo: Burghley
I hope my Lord that theis thinges will proceed well for yesterday I writt to the B: enclosing
Charles cipher all to torne in the same and this morning he receaved them making great nicenesse
to answere me But in the end he hath writen with his owne hand as you may see herein & I
presently sending another lre doe attend for his replye whereby your L: shall perceave howe far he
deales with me & where he may halt with you and the Councell, for by this presente you have the
Copy of all thinges passed betweene us desirous to knowe your L: liking as I goe forward & to be
holpen & amended where the same may seeme necessary./

The Irishe B: woulde fayne goe into the comon gaole pretending some want of money as this
bearer can tell you (yet I am privy) to xxli he hath in his purse, but your L: must see to that, either
in taking order with the Keeper or removing him to the Tower, for otherwise great matter wilbe
discovered, Likewise there is one Dethick a very ranck & buisy Papist is continually conferring
with Muckinson the Scott & sending abrode, So as for example sake either by words or worke, he
is to be restrayned, for he blusters out whatsoever he thincks & carryeth a very ill minde to the
state, I tooke a payer of shackells on yesterday of purpose, whiles I went into the garden & that
hath astonied the Scott & all those of the house mervaylously, The Scott told John Pole in secrett
that Charles had 3 or 4 ciphers by rote and one principle he used to keepe noe writinges by him, so
as he feared noe interception either of Ires about him or of any disovery of his Alphabet which
rather was untitled then in my paper, which partly might appeare in that he was serched at Dover
& the same not found, But yet it may please your L: to serche his cap well, & that I may knowe yf
your L: so vouchsafe, what writinges were found about him I have no money neither to feede my
man nor to send him to & fro the B. much lesse to use in other necessary partes apperteyning to
this service, having sent your L: yesterday in the bundell [fol. 69v] bundell that Master Tremayne
and Master wynnibanck had, a reckoning howe the later 50li was bestowed whereof there is some
surplusage coming to me, Thus humbly taking my leave, from Close Prison, the 27 of Aprill, 1571
/ Your L. most humbly W Herle