

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Cotton Titus BV f. 160r - v. Queen Elizabeth to William Herle.

Letter text:

[fol. 160r] 1581 borrowing mony

A pryvat memoryall for william herle of chardg gyven to hym by the Q. Majesty

Elizabeth R

Where yow have one other instruction signed by us, contening the maner of your proceding in procuring the expedition and suerty for recovery of all our armor and munition remayning at Hamburg, Breame, and those marityme parts, our pleasure is that therin ye shall doo your endeavor as tyme shall serve yow. But our speciall chardg to yow is to procure, a bargayne for the borowng of a mass of mony to the some of iiijxx or j C thowsand pownds sterlyng, and to paye for the interest therfore for the space of one yere not above vj in the hundred, but rather to paye but iij or .v. for the hundred. and if yow can not obteyne so grete a somme, yet if ye can obteyne a some above iij or iiijxx thowsand pownds uppon such a reasonable interest, we shall allow of your service./ and if yow can ^{^not^} obteyne the interest under vj. for the hundred, than yow may stay concludyng for any bargayne, and if the interest be not above vij in the hundred, than to suspend the conclusion therof in such sort, as we may within ij months accept it or refuse it and thereof ether to certefy us, by lres, or els to retorn your self./ [fol. 160v] for your maner of procedyng herin, ye shall use the best pollecy that yow can, not to appere that your coming is for that purpose, untill yow have found good towardnes in the matter, and then for your awthorite to make such a bargayne, yow may at your discretion shew your comission signed ~~with our~~ and sealed by us./ for the tyme and place of delyvery we desyre to have the mony if it cold be possible by the end of August at Antwerp. / if not to have it in January next at Antwerp./ If that can not be but we must nedes receive the mony there in hamburg or in hollsatia, than is the bargayne to be made conditionall that the interest shall not begyn, but from the daye that we shall have in in our shippes./ and therin the bargayne must be considered, that ether we must have it delyvered before the end of September, or els not before Aprill, becau[se] the transportation by sea in wynter tyme is dangeroose./

Yow shall for the assurance of repayment offer the same bonds that all other the merchants of Antwerp, and Anglburgh have, which is a bond of ours under our great seale of England and the bonds of the Citie of London under there comen seale. both which ye maye covenant to delyver unto them at such tyme as ye shall accord to receive the mony.

fynally yow shall use all your coning to make the interest easy, and to make the bargayn so conditionall, that we may have power uppon knowledg from yow, to accept or refus. wherin we meane certenly [...] use good expedition.