

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Egerton 2790 f. 71r. Instructions by Elizabeth for William Herle, for his journey to the continent to negotiate a contract.

Letter text:

[fol. 71r] A private memoriall for Williame Herle of charge gyven to hime by the Queenes Majestie

Where you have another Instruction signed by us concerning the manner of your proceedinge in procuring the expedition and suertie for [recovery] of all our armor and munition remaining at hamburg Breame and those maritime parts our pleasuer is that therein you shall do your indevor as tyme shall serve youe: But our speciall charge to you is to procure a bargaine for the borowinge of a masse of monye to the some of iijxxx or C thousand poundes sterlinge, and to paye for thinterest therfore for the space of one yeare not above vj in the hand and if you cannot obtayne so great a some, yet yf ye can obteyne a some above iij or iijxxx thousand pounds upon such a reasonable interest: we shall allow of your service: And if you cannot obteyne thinterest under vj, for the hundreth then you may stay concluding for any bargaine, and if thinterest be not above vj in the hundreth then to suspend the conclusion therof in such sorte as we maye within to munthes accept yt, or refuse it and therof & ether to certifie us by letters or els to retorne your self.

For your manner of proceedinge here in ye shall use the best pollicie that you can, not to appeare that your cominge is for that untill you have fownde good towardnes in the matter, and then for your authoritye to make such a bargaine you may at your discretion shew your Comission signed and sealed by us: for the tyme and place of delyng we desier to have to monie yf it could be possible by thende of August at Andwarpe if not to have yt in Januarye nexte at Andwarpe: as it cannot be but we must needes receive the monye there in Hamborough or in Holsatia) then is the bargaine to be made condicionall, that thinterest shall not begine but frome the daye that we shall have it on our shippes and therein the bargaine must be considered that ether we must have it delyverede before thend of September or els not before Aprell be cause the transportacon by sea in winter tyme is dangerous.//

You shall for the assurance of repaiment offer the same bonndes that all other the merchannts of Andwarpe and Ausburgh hath which is a bonnde of ours under our greate seale of England and the bonndes of our Citye of London under their Comon seale, bothe which ye maye [covenant] to deliver unto them at such tyme as ye shall accorde to receive the monie.//

Finallie yow shall use all your conninge to make that interest easie & to make the bargaine so condyionall, that we maye have power upon knowledge from you / to accept or refuse wherin we meane certenlie to use good expedicon./