

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

BL Lansdowne MS 18 f. 14r - 15v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 15v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable my very good Lorde, the L. Tresurer of England &c./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 7 June 1573 William Herle.

[Note:] William Herle.

## Letter text:

[fol. 14r] Though I did nott make your good L. privey of late whatt jorney I had in hand, the same was don of a speciall & humble regard, towards your place, which haply may interprete the better of me, & excuse the menyng that I had therin, mary withall I thought to have bin back again, or I had bin thought ~~absent~~ ones absent, & so your L. might have receved som frute of mi pore travayll & of those things that I had sene, before yow had loked for it, for mi intent was grounded uppon an humble zele to God & mi ~~jorney & to certefye you by a nerer [vew]~~ of Contrey, & to beholde the true and perfect state of things so nere as I coud, to th'end that if the truthe had bin desgised in ani parte, I might the better give accompte of it, & only to imparte, the same ~~to your L.~~ with your L. ~~yett the like humble respect~~ And now being retorned, I am sufficiently instructed of many matters, which may like your L. to understand of, butt lest I might give som occasyon of offense, I dare not presume to com unto yow, before I first understand your honorable plesure & wither I shall com openly or secrettly, or rather not come at all, butt to wryte the discourse of thinges at large unto your L. which is the effect of this my humble lre, sending to yow in the mene season these few chartes, having mayny mo for yow, with further matter of importance, necessary for her majestie & your L. to understand: besyde that I must shew yow of some mistery, that is conteyned in de Lombres negociaton here, & what is a practiseng by that mene wherin it may plese your L. by this berer to signifie whatt yow wolde comand me & so very humbly I take mi leve. this sonday morning in haste. vij<sup>o</sup> Junij 1573. your L. most affectionate servant. wm. herlle./