Transcript

Editorial comments:

Bl Lansdowne MS 18 f. 63r - v. William Herle to Lord Burghley. At the word 'consyder', Herle continues his script perpendicular in the left margin.

Address leaf:

[fol. 63v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable my very good L. the L highe [T]resurer of England &c. / [Endorsement by unkown hand:] [30 Jan 1573] William Herle to my L. postes passing by Dover and Rye.

Letter text:

[fol. 63r] The sodeyn occasyon mi right honorable L. is the cause whye I now troble your L. The matter is that the Patron, Captayn, & others that appertayn to the suspected ship of Marsilia, do dispatche 3. posts of purpose throw Frawnce to marsilia, by whom it is thought (if ye cause them to be mett with) ye shall know the truthe of mani things. Their first poste, though nott the spedyest, [1 word expunged] is gon this night som pece of the waye towards Rye, butt he caryes with hym a woman & may soner be stayed att Rye or att the sea, whose name is John Blanck, an ordynary messenger. The second & principall is an Italian called venturiero, hired of purpose for this turne, & departs this night at viij of the clock to Gravesend to passe over att Dover: The third is John Wattly the poste of Bulleyn, who allso caryes of their Ires, & ether goith away thys nighte, [1 word expunged] with venturiero, or followes to morowe by the tyde, wherin the distributyon of these matters the persongaigs & the ways that they have concludyd uppon, consydred, makes me thinck that if they were all 3. well stayd thatt ther [1 word expunged] wold be found som further matter, than this [of] the ship only wherof it may plese your L. to consyder, accordyngly. & so most humbly I Comend your L. to God. In hast the 30. of January at v. of the clocke at night your L. most humblye Wm. Herlle.