Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 22 f. 73r - v. William Herle to Lord Burghley?

Letter text:

[fol. 73r] Wheras the Here Buckholt of Grevenburgh, doth pretend to have due unto hym by the late King Henry th'eight her majesties father of famous memorye certayne greatt somes of money exposed by hym to th'use of the sayd kyng, & advancement of his affayres: yett the same by contynuance of many yeres being now made dowttfull, aswell whither ani suche som att all be due or no, as also being due whatt then the juste som shold be, wherfore ^it^ might justlye inhibite the satisfactyon of ytt & by the decesse synce of sondrye princs of this Reallme, hollye take awaye his right (yf therbe ani suche) in the person of the fyrst debtor. yett her majestie of more clemencye being well moved towards the sayd here Buckholt, doth notwithstanding the premisses, & in maner of full satisfactyon to his debtt, lyberallye grawnt & concesse unto hym by these presents the fre estate & sole use, ye the frutes, comodityes, & proffitts of all suche inventyons & devyses, as he shall present to her majestie & by the same is fownd honorable to her person, comodyous to her subjects & prejudiciall to none, & this grawnt to take place so far furthe, as he can justlye perceve the debt due, & bring ^in^ good accompte of the true som therof which tryall so made, then her highnes grawnt & concesse to be of suche forme & tenor followyng.

[fol. 73v] And fyrst conserning an Inventyon of Sulphure, to be made & wrought here within this Reallme; Her majestie doth grawnt the workyng & proffytt of the same to hym & his solye for the space of 20. yeres, & non other to entremedell therin for the sayd terme, but he or his deputyes.

Wherof her highnes to have for her owne use from time to tyme suche qwantytye as may furnisshe her turne att a third deale lesse price, then ytt shalbe then worthe or ys comunelye sold, ether here, or att Andwerpe.

Allso to have the with of all such the sayd sulphure as shall sold besyde, ether here within the Reallme or otherwyse of that which is transported furthe.

Then finallye for his other inventyons, her Majestie doth further lyberallye grawnt that once the juste som of his pretended debt being agreed uppon he shall levye the same of the proffytts that may ryse on theme, tyll suche his debtt be throwlye satisfyed, wherof a juste accompte to be kept, for the contentment of ether syde.

W Herlle