

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 27 f. 174r - 175v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 175v]

[Superscription:] To the Right honorable mi very singuler good L. the L. hohe Thresuror of England &c. give these att the Cowrtt./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 25. feb. 1578 m. William Herle to my L. licence to travell. master Trevor

Letter text:

[fol. 174r] Nott being hable to waytt uppon your L. as I humbly desyre, I am forced to signe ffye the same unto your L. therby in humble sort to pray yow to vowchesave som favorable answer to mi last lre that I may have non occasyon to troble your L. ani more./ ytt greves me noles Right honorable L. to consider the juste occasyon of dole that ye have att this present. for the decesse of that worthy Councellor & pyller of this comune weale, than if it consered me yn the hyghest poynt of mi lyfe & lyveng, which I take God to wyttnesse of, & which we all shall fele & Rew, Cravyng therfore pardon that I do ymportune your good L. this far in a season, that is so unfytt for the purpose, butt ~~that~~ necessitye hath no lawe, & I wolld humblye procede in mi sute to her majestie (havyng your honorable favor & assistence) for 3. years leve to travell abrode, asswell to frame a new cowrse to mi pore estate, & duryng that tyme to take order with mi credytors, as to do her majestie & your L. the best service I coud, without ani charge to her att all, Comendyng to God all law & Lawe matters, of which I had made an end long sithens to mi beneffite, yf I had not preffered credite before commoditye & coud nott be brought to do wrong to her majesties titell by yelldyng to any pryvate composityon, wherof your widsom shalbe judge, when the tyme & my habilyte shall serve for ytt. /

On thing ^{^further^} I do desyre most humblye to comend unto your good L. [3 words expunged] ~~that~~ is the cawse of a pore kynseman of myne, helld yn the fleett by his wyfe, who is supported in that acte (so dangerows to the whole estate of maryayge) by ij grett ladyes, & his humble petycyon is butt to be hard by your L. yn the presence of those ladyes & his wife, being asshamed to complayn of her, by whom he hath had viij childern, which hath made hym to endure the more & the longer, yf your L. will vowchesave to understand the truthe herof, doctor Lewys for the lawe, & mi L. of Buckhurst for his own knowledge of [1 word expunged] [fol. 174v] that which may appertayn ~~to this controversye~~ ^{^herunto^} ar hable to satisfye your L. fullye, yf it may plese yow in waye of charitye to send for theme for the better decydeng of this presumpteows & unsufferable actyon of the wyfe agaynst the husbond, by whom he is separated from the comunyon of the Church to the which he is most humblye desyrows to be restored, & to be sett att libertye uppon good suretyes till this controversye be decyded in lawe, which by his delygens & confformitye is brought to a good [1 word expunged] forwardnes he [1 word expunged] wrytt to me a very pyttiffull & large lre, som whyles synce, makyng his mone as to his assured kynseman, butt I had no tyme to ~~del~~ shew it to your L. as I humblye pretended, for the grett affayres that I sawe your L.

still [emersed] with, yett now I do presume to enclose it heryn, yn the which your L. shall fynde nothing sett downe, that is nott justifficabell, therfore it may plesse yow mi honorable good L. to give me this credite, that mi kynseman may fynd the more favor att your L. hands, through mi humble sute & intreaty & that yow will weye the justyce & eqwitye of his cawse, as it shall fall owtt in truthe, which I shall humblye Receve from your L. as a grett beneffite bestowed uppon me, prayeng to God for your honorable contynuaunce, to the servyce of God & her majestie & to the good of this pore contry. /

On thing more most I advertyse your L. of, in the dutye I do bere to her majestie & to your L. from whom the truthe of nothing sholdd be hyd./ There is on kyffte an Irysshman that doth grettlye ymportune your L/ with complaynts, & therby to be sercher of myllfford. Surely he is the lewdest fellow & the busyest, & the most ympudent withall, that ever cam beffore your L. an Accessarye to pyracye & corruptyon, & disturbes the whole contry; your L. knowyng hym throwlye, maye judge of his fyttnes for that offyce, he being allredy sergeant to the Admiralltye in that contry, & woldd supplant [**fol. 175r**] a pore man of the serchershipp that hath it under the grett seall of England, And this far in discharge of mi dutye, I thowght mete to gyve your L. to understand of, wherwith I very humblye fynissh. Redcrosse strete the 25. of februarye. 1578. your L. even with his hart to serve yow & pray for you W. Herllely.