

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 27 f. 176r - v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 176v]

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

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 2. mart. 1578 William Herle to my L. Lycence to travell for 3.  
yeres.

## Letter text:

[fol. 176r] I do humblye renew mi sute unto your L. for your favor to her majestie that I may  
travayll abrode for .3. yeres, hoping so to yndevor mi sellf, as it shall be for her majesties service,  
your contentment, & myne own good, in sparyng on waye, & in gettyng another waye, by mi  
credyt & yndustrye somwhatt, to satisfye mi creditors att home. I have taken order with Maye the  
golld smithe, & so to mi power with on or ij more, / I am in hand to provyde for 4. lyttel babes  
(wherof the eldest is butt v. yere oldd) thatt I shall leve behynde me. My mynde is to lyve in order,  
& to answer mi detts trulye./ Ytt is nott ryott <sup>now</sup> that browght me behynde hand, butt the  
fawtte of mi yowth <sup>long synce</sup> beffore I was ware, for the which I have payd derelye, deservyng  
now rather to be cherysshed, than discowntenanced & threttned uppon every motyon./ I had of her  
majestie a lease which was worthe to me vCli & odde, which was well ny spent beffore ytt cam  
to mi hands, for a man canott lyve of nothing, yett therwith I payd a mli dett, & mayntayned my  
sellf & in lawe matters. Next her majestie of her [1 word expunged] own motyon bestowed uppon  
me a C markes pencyon, which is all that I have to lyve uppon./ I deserve <sup>the</sup> rather to be  
pyttyed, for that I have amended mi state <sup>more</sup> than [payed] it, which wyll apere yf I have butt a  
lyttell leve to brethe./ I am charged to have rydden down into the Contry with viij or ix men, butt it  
is nott so, for above .3. & somtymes 4 I never had, which was more to gyve mi cawse  
cowntenance, than of ani lusty mynde, yn dede I was constrayned to deffraye the charges  
somtymes of 20, & 30, when they being strangers satt in Comissyon for me./ your L. knew when  
ye grawnted me this privilege to go abrode, that supplycations wold be made agaynst me,  
wherfore ytt may plese yow to be the more resollved of my syde, the contynuanse wherof I desyre  
only butt till the next Terme, which I humblye refferre to your honorable wisdom./ & so humbly I  
take mi leve ij<sup>o</sup> martij london. 1578. your L. sincerlye & humblye W Herrle.