

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 28 f. 92r - v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 92v]

[Superscription:] To the Right honorable mi verey good L. the Lord highe Thresuror of England &c. [gi]ve these.

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 27. Jan. 1578 William Herle to my L. the offer made for the Raglership.

## Letter text:

[fol. 92r] I dyd presume right humbly mi L. to wryte yesterday mornyng unto your L. whatt I was offred in secrett by pryse brother in Lawe, which was a mli the sayd partye desyng ernestlye, that through this his motion som good end might be taken bettween us./ In the after noone followyng, we mett in powles, & I standyng styfflye uppon mi demande of 3000li he tolld me in myne ere, that he thowght that with grett difficultye on Cli more than a mli might be procured, which he hym self wolld contribute unto, though he had no ynterest yn the actyon, rather than we shold breke of: which offer (when with thancks for his curtesye) I reffused, I signeffyed it to master Osburne, who willed me in ani wise to make your L. pryvey therof, to the end that by your ~~good~~ Authoritye & good favor, you might drawe theme to the som of xvCli which they wilbe glad (I suppose) to com unto, in respect of your honorable cowntenance & goodnes to theme herafter, though they have proceded verye gyngerlye in offeryng hitherunto./ I refferre mi self humblye & whollye to your L. who shall have a grett number of Creditors & frynds withall, to pray for yow, in making the matter as comedyows for me, (a poore creature of yowres) as yow may, & to suche a multitude as mi partyes ar, it is no burden nor prejudice att all, for they [marginalia by Herle: The industrie & parsimony of those in Cardigan shire makes them habler than ij of the best Comunaltyes in Wales. butt prise & his Appostelles do fleese them metely well, which I wolld I had a comission to trye the misdemenors of those Raveners./] be uppon mi word mi L. the Richest Comunaltye in Wales, & so your L. may ~~allege~~ confydyntlye alledge unto pryse./ And with the som that I shall gett, I mene presentlye to paye all mi detts, though I leve mi self not 3d hopyng to begyn the worlde the better agayn by your honorable ayde, & her majesties good grace & disposityon towards me. yf your L. will vowchesave to speke a part with pryse brother in lawe I will bryng hym to yow./ yf I shold have 3000li of the contry, I save nothing by them, all things consydred, & mi losses & chargs, with the valuatyon of the Arreraygs & the yeres of the lease to com, with sondrye other Respects, amownts in shew to xvj or xvij m li which they ar worthy to be corrected for, that wolld enter into the danger of ytt, for the non payment of xxs by the yere, & therin is theyr honestye & gratitude sene, how they wolld discharge theyr dutye, yf they had a gretter benefite bestowed uppon theme. Herewith verey humbly I pray your L. to pardon these often troubles that I do putt your goodnes unto, butt you ar the patron of the distressed, to whom we have all reffuge. the 27. of June. 1578. your L. most bownden. W. Herlleli.