

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 36 f. 197r - 198v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 198v]

[Superscription:] To the R honorable mi very good L. the lord highe Thresuror of England &c.
give these with speede att the Cowrt.

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] sept. 1582 William Herle to my L.

Letter text:

[fol. 197r] My dere Lord I have no leysure to wryte to you att this present whatt I determyned, butt will tomorow supplye mi fawtt, in the mene tyme I do send your L. bownd up together assmuche as hath passed in the Imperyall dyett to this daye, which is matter that ysmay be apte to be ymparted with the yong gentyll men your sones & neves for their exercise, & I will procure for theme in wrytten hand all the oratyons & actes that have passed duryng the dyett, amongst the Pryncs & those grave personaygs that were assembled there, which shalbe worthye the perusing & the caryeng awaye If I were hable to do your L. ani gretter servyce, or to the lest of yowres, in respect of the grett mynde that I se caryed by you towards me your poore devoted creature, trulye I woldd strive to do ytt. butt your L. knowes mi harte, & yow possesse it, as on that nature doth comande to reverence yow the more in that I appertayn to yow by the same nature in som good sort. yf your L. can do me ani good with her majestie ye shall do it for him that nighte & daye strives to do her effectuall service. herewith is a booke, that procedes from certayn Sectaryes of owrs, establysshed att myddellburgh, yf to your wisdom it shall appere that ani yll consequens may be drawn to our kingdom by theme, ye may in this begineng [unnestell] theme, by the lest dyrectyon that her majestie shall gyve. I have sent to the Bisshop of London on of the bookes, bycawse it appertaynes to his estate to be advertised therof & to provyde for ytt. yf he do com to your L. I woldd it might plese yow to saye, that it were fytt that the Bisshops dyd amongst theme appoynt me to be their stypendarye, to wathe in these cawses that appertayne to the Churche. that they mighte be carefull of their s. as her her majestie is of hers, to do somwhatt that were worthy their calling in the comune weall. They be many, among whom the burden were easy ether by pensyon, or yelldyng of som ~~prebends~~pirbends for yeres, to do them sellves good & the Churche, with a good signifycatyon of their myndes to her majestie. your L. will pardon mi motyon, the Bisshop Jewell was ones disposed to have bestowed in this nature (declyneng his brethern therunto) vcli a yere uppon me. whatt so ever it were it sholdd content me, & nott hurte theme / I have wrytten to master Secretorye the state of all things here verey playnly; of whom it may plese your L. to take the knowledge that I do send hym./ Which lest his leysure canott serve to do, I do send yow copies pryvatelye herewith of the whole, to peruse./ In the rest it may plese your L. to pardon mi bolldnes all wayes, & to vowchesave to comande me as on that prayes for yow with his harte contynualle ./. Andwerpe. 1582 / Your L. syncerelye allwayes W. Herrlly

[Postscript:] Monsieur cam hither abowt ij of the clock todaye the prynce comes after him. I beseke your L. to make master secretory mi assured frynd I am a frayd that I do offend hym in

wrytteng so playnlye (yett justly of vylliers as I do.