

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 43 f. 11r - 12v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 12v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable and my verie good Lord the L. high Thresurer of England &c. geve these./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 31. Maij. 1584 Master William Herle to my L.

Letter text:

[fol. 11r] Right honorable good Lord, I am humbly to pray your favorable Ire: to master Attorney generall; for a motion to be made to morow in the Court of the Exchequer. by him, in her majesties right and title, to the graunge or cell of morefeld in the Cowntie of Sallopp./ The defendant mine adversarie hath so juggled with Lacax the L. chief Barons man, as upon thursday last, there was a rule sett downe without calling [any] Counsell therunto, directly in prejudice of the Quenes right and prerogative./ Whereupon master fanshaw hath advised me to acquaint your L. therewith, whose Ire to master Attorney may alter the said rule againe./ The said landes of Morefeild ar past with your Lps good favor in master Controllers book for me without abatement ^of my side^ of any parte of the auncient rent due to her majestie / The case in lawe is this, that the said Lands ought to be in the Quenes hand, by the attaynder of the late Duke of ~~Norfolk~~ Northumberland//

The defendant hath intruded upon the Quenes possession, it is convenient therefore, that he should shew his title, or if he pleade the generall issue, that then he should be out of possession/ The defendant supposeth that the Duke in feofor his father, but maketh no proof thereof, saving only by a licence of alienacon without shewing alienation in dede, / The rents be yerely xvj li xs, which have been deteined from her majestie the space of sixe and twentie yeres last past./ The defendant pretends to pay only a tenth reserved of three powndes and odd monie, and yet he defraudes the Quene of that summ ^also^ [marginalia by Herle: iij li vij s ob qs dim qs] as Auditor Duine can shew, whome he deludes from time to time./ This is the substance (My good L) of the cause craving humbly your Lps Ire to the intent above said. which I should deliver this afternoone to master Atturnie to the end I may geve him full instructions, to prepare him for the motion against to morow./ And so verie humbly and thankfully I take my leave the last of May / 1584 your Lps ever most bounden W Herllely.