

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 54 f. 137r - 138v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 138v]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable mi verey good L. the L. highe Thresuror of England &c.
gyve these./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] Willam Herle towching Donkerk CCXCI 28 June. 1587

[Note:] Herle's Letters

Letter text:

[fol. 137r] for the trew zeale & duty that I bere R. honorable L. to her majesties service, I exhibited to yow this last wynter in writeng, a drawght how the dunkerckers might be comodyously restrayned from their cowrses & spoylles, with a verey mene charge, & a present service on that behallf. Besyde which waye proponed (unles an Armye were to beseege theme) there is nowaye att all to brydell theme, & with this mi oppinion, do the best experimented in sea cawses, agree./ Surely (to the grett losse & sclander of this Reallme) since the tyme of mi drawght exhibited, they have comitted infinite spoylles & Robryes, in valew hable to have mayntayned an Armye for conqueryng of theme, where beyng more & more incyted, they still contynew, & ar lyke to do worse, yf seasonable remedye be nott applyed, wherof I ones more do humbly putt your L. in remembrance, whose wisdom & care is suche for her majestie & the publyck service as yow will no dowtt promptly foresee & provyde, how the seas may be assured, & the passayges garded, that most be now more frequented than before, duryng the tyme of the L. Generalles abode in the Lowe Contryes. Wherwith then may be consydered, that yf so vyle a Barred haven as Donkerck is, may anoye us so grettlye, whatt woldd it be yf Sluse & the other ports of zeland & Holland were becom owr enmyes. Wherin havynge discharged mi poore parte, I take mi humble leve. Temple Barre. the 28. June. 1587 Your L. verey humblye W Herlle.