

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 55 f. 210r - v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 210v]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable mi very good Lord, the L highe Thresuror England &c. give these./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 21. feb. 1587. master Herle to my L./

Letter text:

[fol. 210r] I do R. h. L. with pacyens & assurace, attend your opportunitye for mi releeff att her majesties hands, & do relye of non butt your sellf theryn, wherfore I humbly beseke your good L. that som resolutyon may be taken for me, to releve the harde state that I am in, that I may saye (as Candisse dothe) that yow ar the sole hellpe & mediator therof, for mi burden is suche, as ether I must be presently ayded, or elles dye under the burden, To signeffye the which, I send this berer to putt your L. yn mynde, prayeng rather denyall & discharge owtt of England than dethe. your L. hande is to the Comissyon that I was laste employed in, with other of mi Lords on that behalf, by her majesties speciall direction, which yf I shall be undon by, by beryng the charge of the publyck [marginalia by Herle: owtt of mi purse,] I desire to knowe, that I may troble your L. & the State no longer, & so with mi humblyest dutye, I take mi leve, even oppressed with melancholy. Temple Barre the .21. of february 1587. your L. most humbly bownden W. Herlleli.