

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

HMC Hatfield MS Cecil Papers 8 f. 54r - v, (BL Microfilm 485/2). William Herle to Lord Burghley.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 54v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable mi very good L. the L.Thresuror &c. gyve these with spede./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] William Herle to my L. Warrant for the staye of the woodward shippe [com] herof.

## Letter text:

[fol. 54r] My right honorable good L. having Receved lres owtt of Heryford shire that a verey frynd of myne is lately decessed, who was Woodward in the sayd shire, of the forests of [Mocktre] & darbolld & of the chase of Bryngewood I am most humbly bolld to beseche your good L. in respect that I was borne very nere those places, & that it may be of som credyt to me, to bestowe the sayd office uppon me, the fee wherof is butt iiiijli by the yere, & yett is it more in fee & Revenew than I have in the worlld besyde, by the which I shalbe in habled the more to do yow humble & faithfull [1 word expunged] servyce duryng mi lyfe, nott dowtyng butt that as your L. hath of your goodnes norissed me as a plant & creature of yowres, so yf your L. contynew your favor towards me, yow shall have good cawse beffore it be long to joye in me, & to Receve som further contentacyon [1 word expunged] & servyce than it becomes me to expresse tyll the tyme do com. And for the sayd offyce yf your L. do vowch save it unto me, I will putt in suffycyent suretyes to her majestie to discharge mi dutye trulye & [1 word expunged] substantially & therefore do presume to inclose this lre within to master Smith for a staye of the sayd offyce from your L. till the Awdytor do com to Towe, so far furth as your L. do lyke & allowe of mi sayd sute, whom God long preserve to his honor & glory. from London the xvj of september. 1575 your L. most humble & assured to pray for yow & serve yow forever. W. Herlleli.