Transcript

Editorial comments:

HMC Hatfield MS Cecil Papers 160 f. 48r - v, (BL Microfilm 485/42). William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 48v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable mi very good L.the Lord Thresuror &c. give these [Endorsement by unknown hand:] Will: Herle to my L. commision for convent yn wales./

Letter text:

[fol. 48r] Yesterday mi right honorable good L. master fanshaw [was] with me towards the evenyng to visite me, he axed me among other things whatt becam of the conselements that I sholld have dellt with, I tolld hym, that the booke was thought very grett, & that therfore I cessed to move it ani more, wherunto he wisshed me to prove by a shire or ij with an ordinary comissyon whatt servyce I cowd do to her majestie & by the last therof more might com, & your L. might be induced to favor the first sute the better. Wheruppon he cawsed these iij warrants to be drawen, ij the on for conselements & the other for the survey of certayn covent leases, that if I be hable to recover strengthe & hellthe I might follow theme in the end of this vacatyon. I know att lest how to gett her majestie a C markes by the yere, the comissyons ar retornable in michellmas Terme, & the Comissyoners ar the best men in every shire, therfore if your L. do lyke of the motyon & servyce, it may plese yow to signe the warrants & I will att myne owne chargs uppon my recovery, wherof I thanck God, I have now som hope [to] follow theme (& it shalbe som occasyon to occopye me allso) to her majesties proffitt & your contentment & as I deserve in that end so I be consydred of: Allso yf your L. dyd vowchesave to appoint me feodary over the shire in wales as I ones moved your L. I wolld nott only do present 'good servyce' to her majestie & to the Cowrt of wardes, butt I sholld take away occasyon from busy fellowes from intruding theme sellfs into other menes offyces, so humbly taking mi [fol. 48v] leve, our lord have yow in his holy saffe gard allways. from Redcrosse strete the third of Julye 1575. your L. most humble & faithfull prayer man W. Herllely.