

Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 12/186/35 f. 94r - 95v. William Herle to Sir Francis Walsingham.

Address leaf:

[fol. 95v]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable sir francs Wallsingham Knight, her majesties [Pri]ncipall Secretary &c. gyve these att the Cowrtt./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 27. Januarie. 1585 from master William Herle.

Letter text:

[94r] R. honorable, I have Received from yow by this berer mi servant a pasport, & 2. lres therewith; the on from your honor in answer of myne, & the other for credite of 50li. for which, as I very humbly thanck yow, so will I forbere to use ani of those, that ye have excepted unto me./

Yow vowchesave further, that ye will send me a Cipher, to be used bettween your honor & me (which I do expect) And that ye will move her majestie to write effectually on mi behallf, to the Erlle of Lecester: she having promised to adde therunto .3. lynes of her own hand: without which lre, I sholld go over as barely respected in credite, as barely furnished towards mi chargs, unles your honor had Tendred me the more: which I bere with all pacyens & duty in this weke estate of myne (mi sycknes havynge cost me above 250li) [marginalia by Herle: & the overplus of my frizeland chargs unallowed, asmuche more] makynge only my moane therof to God & yow, And when I can sustayne the burden no longer, I will humbly expresse mi zeale & obedyence, by lyeng under the same, yelldyng & fynisheng att ones (in Loyalty) mi last Trybute dew to God & her./ Yett her majestie wilbe offended I am sure, yf she understand that I am ungon, though nether wynds nor saffe passayge hath served me hitherunto for the same. Butt I make as though I were att Margate, assuryng your honor by Gods grace that on Tewsdays next I wilbe redy prepared for mi jorney, *Duru enim Telu, necescitas*. prayenge yow by that tyme, to give me the credite to cary over som packe of yowrs, with a remembrance to the Erlle, of the humble dutyes I have don in his absence with her majestie & the L. Thresuror.

Likewise for that it appers, I shall have som delyng agayn, in the Este Frizeland cawses, att mi comynge over: wherin I may stand the merchants Adventurers in steede, ytt might plese your honor to take occasyon, by hallf a doossen lynes, written to master Salkeston the Governor, to signe ffye mi aptnes in the same, & well meanyng towards theme, & whatt officis I have performed hitherto in their favor, which your honor can best judge of asswell by that which paste att Emden as by mi travayll earnestly sythens to yow for the dissolvynge of the pryvate [1 word expunged] Trade of som to norenburgh./ which honorable [1 word expunged] & signeffication of yowrs, will advance mi cowntenance & fryndship ~~with theme~~, & confirme the good oppynion that they have allredy conseved of me. which is to torne to mi good, & your honor, the thancks beynge only dew to yow for the same, without charge to any./

Lastly, I wolld conclude with on sute more, for your Ire agayn, to the provest & fellowes of the Q. colledge in Oxford towching the lease of certayn Tythes for 21. yeres, contynued in the notes that master Mylles & master Edmonds [fol. 94v] have in their custody of myne: wherin the Lawe is cleere, that they may grawnt it without scruple or difficulty, which I have exhibited to master Mylls in a speciall paper, under the hands of sergeant fener, & of master Williams of the myddle Temple, A case playn & overrated./ Besyde that I have an instant of gretter efficacy to prove, that notwithstanding the Late statute of their Incorporacion, The Provost & fellowes have granted from Master John Atherton, of their own Awthority & motyon unurged, ij [yard] lands in Ballden, who had a good lease of the same from the College, Butt in mi sute, yf they wolld prefferre a Papist for gayne, to on Recomendend so by your honor, as ye have don me, her majesties poore servant, they showlld shew grett unkyndenes & les integritye to yow their Benefactor, & small regard had to the Q. their fowndresse, in whom the right is, symply to dispose of the sayd lease, as she will, which I can prove by comyssyon to their reprooff, yf ye gyve me leve, within 10. ~~dayes~~ dayes, which with the premisses I humbly refferre to your wisdom & favor, whom it concernes the nerer, in respect of your earnest former Ire writ written on that behallf, the copy wherof is with master Mylles. (yett notwithstanding, yf they wolld pretend styll, an inhabilytye in theme to grawnt it, I will stand to the invalidity of the lease in Lawe, beyng no peryll to theme, as master Attkynson their Cowncellor, alledgeth [marginalia by Herle: to grawnt] , butt a charge to the leassyng yf the grawnt from theme, prove nott good, wherewith very humbly I do take mi leve, Temple Barre the 27. of January. 1585. in haste. your honors trewly devoted in harte & servyce./ W. Herllely.