

Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 12/180/34 f. 76r - 77v. Lord Burghley to William Herle. The scribe uses a curled line break mark after the first paragraph.

Address leaf:

[fol. 77v]

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] xviiijth of Julye 1585

Letter text:

[fol. 76r] I hartely thank yow for your lres conteyneng a verie sensible discourse of the reasons that necessarily ought to induce or rather to hasten hir majestie to yeild succors to all hir freindes and neighbours distressed, whose cawses ar so joyned with hir owne, in respect of the Comon enemye, as no distinction can sever them, neither can anie will conceive the daingers to follow, but that ours must follow *concomitanter* And to say the trewth, the comon enemye hath a more ardent malice against England, than against the other, butt they lye in his waye and he cannot leape over them to assaile us.

Howsoever the discoursers abroade do imagine of our actions I know no one Counsellor that sheweth ani contrarie opinion, but yet some ar more earnest than an other. But this I dare avow without flattering of my self no one doth use more argumentes of weight, than I do it may be that others do speake with greater wordes than I, But I am sure hir majestie thinketh, my speches to have as greate sence as any, and so manie tymes she yeildeth as overcom with argumentes, butt yet that which is naturall to hir sexe hindereth resolucon I hope tyme will gaine that which is necessarie, *Corda regnu ar in manu Dei*.

I thank yow for that yow advertise, that some thought me a Counsellor to the prorogacon of the Parliament, wherof I was no more privie to the consent nor to the act than yow were. I was at my howse at Theobaldes preparing for hir majestie bothe the daye before it was don, and when it was don. And the first tyme I hard of it was by my L. of Leicesters reporte, when the Quene cam to my howse, who tolde me that hir majestie had signed the warrant the same morning and that my L. Chancellor had it of hir. Wherwith as I seemed [fol. 76v] seemed ^{^verie^} sorrie, so was his Lp. And this is the verie trewth of my *knowledge* herein, and therefore is it but malice that hath forged this lye of me. and whosoever reporteth it ar ignorant of the trewth, and therefore do me wrong to reporte it by way of blaming of me. But I leave *vindictam* to him that sayd *Mihi vindictam et ego retribuam*.

I thank yow for imparting to me that of R.C, It may be some parte therof is trew, but the reporter therof is not to be credited, for some malice born to R.C. who did misuse R.C. verie ill in the presence chamber, and so acknowledged his falte, and made meanes to pacefie my offense, which was easely don, for I lyke not to deale with Childrens quarelles. Nevertheless I will harken more to that, which percause may be closely kept from me, Being much otherwise perswaded of him, and yet I may be deceived. I am werie of wryting. xviiijth of Julye. 1585. Your loving freind

assuredly. W Burghley.