

Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 12/181/61 f. 199r - 200v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 200v]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable mi very good L. the L. highe Thresuror of England &c. gyve these

[Endorsement by Burghley:] 24. Aug. 1585 William Herle in exewse

Letter text:

[fol. 199r] R honorable good L. even att this instant, beyng well ny ij of the clock, I Receved a Tyckett from yow, wherby I perceve that I am fallen into that, which I ever dyd dread, that in doying of good officis, I might be crussed bettween the hamer & the Annevyllid: yett I thanck God they are speches of envy & surmise (subject to theme, as mi superyors ar) which I will make appere bothe to your self, & to who soever ~~it be~~, that shall sinisterly interprete or informe of mi doyngs, to mi discredit with your L./ Thatt I do esteme (as your L. is fryndly instructed) of your favor, or of ani grettnes that I have with yow, it might argue a foolyssh zele & presumptyon in me, though no discretyon, which truly I never dyd. Butt that I joye & take comforte yn the same as becomes me, I denye nott, havynge don it synce I first knew your L. as to a personaige of grett justice & vertew mete to be ymitated, by the grettest, & Reverenced by others: my self lykewise deeply bownd unto yow allways, for your favors./

Thatt I have dispersed your L. lres into the Cittye abrode (as I tolld yow) is a thing most untruly informed: for never ani went owtt of mi hand, butt on that I shewed Generall Norrys, even att the ynstant, before his departure, thinckyng it necessary so to do (as allso I have used mi discretyon ^in speche^ with other of mi frynds) that he might edeffye the better his company, from whom sondry malyciows & vehement Rumors dyd spryng./ And God he knowes, that I have small plesure, ether to Boste or joye of ani thing: for every other daye, I am browghte to despaire of mi hellthe, & by wekenes of mi stomack, do accompte mi Body as a lost Relaps, unles God rayse it the soner, before Awtomne: havynge byn ~~yest~~yesterdaye abrode att a Bathe of herbes, to strengthen and qwycken mi wekenes, wherof followed this daye the contynuall grudgyng of an Agew And yett yf I had knowen of your L. beyng here I wolld have hasarded the wayteng uppon you, ~~with~~ which I knew nott, before that master Secretoryes man signeffyed the same unto me late yesternight, bryngeng me a pryvy seall for a C li. which your goodnes procured me./ Butt I will deliver mi self of these objectyons easely, when ye next com to Towne (yf I be hable to go or ryde) & dare vowche unto your L. that I have don [fol. 199v] yow sincere & modest officis in every degree, & with persons of good qwality, who have travaylled to do the lyke: Besekyng your L. therefore to suspend your Judgement, till ye here me speke, for I will oppose mi sellf to any on this behallf, that shall challenge me with these weke Allmayn qwarrelles, yll conseved & worse uttred. And so very humbly I take mi Leve the 24. of Awgust mi lodging in the afternoone. 1585. your L. humbly bownden W. Herllely.