

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

SP 12/181/71 f. 218r - v. Lord Burghley to William Herle.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 218v]

[Superscription:] To master william Herle

[Endorsement by Herle?:] L. Treasurer, perused. 8<sup>o</sup>

[Endorsement by 20th century archivist:] Prob. March 1589 when Lady Burghley was very ill, who died on the 7th April. following. 4th in Burghleys diary Note sp. – Herlle died before Leicester - see Aug 14. 1585. This date relates to <sup>dated</sup> letters not to date of Herle's death, he was alive till 1588. E5H 20/8/89.

## Letter text:

[fol. 218r] That I charged yow with dispersyng my privat lres abrode, I am worthewise suer, but that they which did se them, yea some that saw them also whan yow sent them to the Court, yea to Counsellors. and as ther Creditt is with me, so and in that proportion I am moved to thynk it trew. and therfor I desyre to have my lres back, with this offer notwithstanding, that I do avow all to be trew and much more for mayntenance of my honesty ageynst all dishonest backbytors whom God amende. For by this that yow wryte which is merely falls that I shuld have a servant named owyn brother to owyn beyond seas, I se the Continuation of mens malices. In very truth, I have an honest yomam named owyn Thomas that is a trew and earnest protestant, who kepeth my Chamber, at the Court, and hath done these dosen yers I dare affirm, that for the Q. service he wold be a hangman to the other owyn. from my houss not so quiet as I wold be by reason of my wyves present great sycknes W. Burghley.