

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

SP 70/137/[51] f. 222r - 223v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 223v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable mi very good L. the Lord highe Thresuror of England &c. give these att the Cowrtt./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] Mart 1575 William Herl to my L. Conference with Paul Buys.

## Letter text:

[fol. 222r] My Right honorabe good L. I have lett Pawll Buiz understand, of that good estymatyon that yow have him in, & of the good that ye wysshe unto the cawse, butt withall of the grett hyndrance that these Insolencyes have procured to theme in generall, which he doth assure me shall nott happen agayn, yf they ones may com home ~~agayne~~ to sett an order in things, desyrenge that there may be on or ij of credyte & discretyon, appoynted to resyde there with theme by her majestie to observe, examyne, & determyne of all complaynts & speches att their chargs whose presence allso (being deputed from the Q. majestie of England) shalbe of no small force to reppresse, even the verely intendements of yll attempts, & being attempted to have the severer restitutyon & correctyon./ To which end, to shew their good menyng for perfformyng of this, they will appoint ij suffycyent partyes here att their own chargs lykewise, to be redy to answer all complaynts, & to terreffye those that wolld surmise contrary matter than is probable, wherunto he added, strykeng his hand on his brest, that your L. was the only man (~~Quod~~ *Quod ingenue fateor inebat*) that hath dellt syncerelyest with theme, & in effect that dyd truly favor ~~of~~ ~~at~~ their cawse bothe in secrett & otherwise, & yet were forced to gyve theme hard words accordyng to the allteracyon that tyme, partyes, & occasyons dyd mynister, which kynde of fre procedyng he dyd prefferre beffore all other, & alledgeth withall, that it is necessary that these open demonstratyons shold be, asswell to satisfye the prince that comandes, as strange Ambassadors that ar redy to harken to every thing that shalbe pronownced. Desirows therefore, where his colleges dyd exhibite a request to her majestie which they wolld noles do because they importune him dayly to more than that is, that he & they might Receve their answer ^yf it so plesse yow^ by your L. & from your L. of whom he only & wholly doth deppend, which your L. shall truly know by his devotyon & by [fol. 222v] the contynuall & often memory that he will have of yow when he shalbe in place where to expresse it./ Desireng ^moreover^ your L. in secrett to saye unto her majestie ~~unto him~~ from hym, as her true & faythfull servant all wayes, that now all things standing in flanders & Brabant as they do, by the dethe of the Comendador, & by the displesure that the people have in generall to the spaynissh governement, that he will intertayne suche a disposytyon in the myndes of their leders (which he is hable to do) towards her majestie as she withowt semyng to dele with ani thing, shall yett direct all, & prescribe whatt Lawe she [1 word expunged] will unto theme ^and [1 word expunged] ani other by theme^ & withowt whom, that they shall deppend of more, wherby Spayne yf it Receve ani grace that shalbe by her, & frawnce (whose levytye he well knowes, & of whom her majestie be ytt ether of protestant or papist hath butt smally ^to^ trust) yf

they do make a pece with the K. shall have butt hard favor in practiseng or attemptyng ani ~~th~~ novel  
 novelltyes or fowndactyon with theme, Concludyng <sup>^further^</sup> that whatt cawse or partye soever,  
 her majestie <sup>^or your L.^</sup> shall [2 words expunged] addresse over unto him, shalbe lovyngly &  
 humbly Receved & dispatched, <sup>^for his power & credyte^</sup>, (with that fayth, diligens, & secrecy  
 thatt becomes him) to her & your contentment, esteming that the grettest satisfactyon that may  
 com to hym, yf his good menyng be [1 word expunged] as throwly knowen to yow bothe as he  
 desireth, wherof itt may plese your L. seing these cawses be weighty & comytted to mi trust, that  
 yow will wryte me somwhatt in answer agayne & that in the end ytt may appere (unto hym by  
 your owne speche or wryteng, that I have discharged mi parte, as [1 word expunged] a good  
 servant to her majestie & your L. & as on that hath faythfully behaved mi self towards him & the  
 comune cawse./

I wolld pray your L. yf it so may plese yow, that my man may Receve mi boxe agayn that  
 conteynes the Testymoniall for the pryses of corne in penbroke shire, wherwith verey humbly I  
 take mi leve x<sup>vo</sup> martij. 1575. Your L. most humbly. W. Herlleli.