

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

SP 70/137/85 f. 220r - 221v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 221v]

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

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 14. Mart. 1575. William Herl to my L. Paul Buys his dispatch.

## Letter text:

[fol. 220r] I am sory mi right honorable good L. that the usaiges of the Zelanders have bin suche, as do provoke their frynds here so grettly against theme, whom in dede the Prince cannot so direct as in reson he sholld, butt is fayne to tollerate many things with theme, contrary to eqwity & to the discipline of governement, even for the cawse & tyme sake. Being grett pittye therfore that the gretter & better sort, sholld enter into the like displesure, for the fawtts of a few ill men, & yett it may brede gretter inconvenyence (I speke it humbly under pardon, the deling to rowghly with the rude & rashe kynde of men by correctyon in this begyneng) than can be refformed att leysure, for your L best knoweth how far their humor may be wrested uppon the sodeyn, to late afterwards to be called back. Wherby her majestie may be brought into the qwarell her self (which the spaynissh mynisters do practis) to her gretter charge, than if she sholld mayntayne theire whole actyon, as their Comissioners do desire. By whose ruyne her majestie allso is made an instrument to weken her own estate, & by whose standing owtt, hath had qwyettnes & security hitherto, which may deserve som pyttye though nott excuse in all. Butt now the Prynce & the Zelanders do misse their Governor Charrles Boyzott, in whose life tyme the like insolencyes, sholld nott have bin easely comitted, wherin the diffrence of men from men is well sene./

Butt for Pawll Buiz hym self, his humble & only desire is now for all conclusions (seing it canott be otherwise) to have her majesties answer in writeng, that it may serve to justeffye his fidelity & diligens when he comes home, against the Calumpniatyons that wilbe opposed unto hym: wherwith dispatching hym self away, he will remayne her majesties humble & faythfull servant duryng life, & yowres to Comande with asmuche dutye & trew affectyon, as ever proceded from any: for so he sayth, your worthynes & vertue byndes hym, wherof he will make honorable mentyon wheresoever he comes, knowing that yow have wisshed their cawse well, butt God determynes otherwise; craving therfore in recompense of his travaylles here, & of all his devotyons borne to the State, to her majestie & to your L. in partycler, to have your favor for this his present dispatche in that forme he desires, wherwith he verely humbly comending hym self to your good L. takes his leve./ And yett wolld I be bolld to remember your L. of on thing more of mi self by the waye, that being poore men they have bin att grett chargs with master Hastyns in this viaige & otherwise, more than iiM.li which your wisdom is to consider accordingly of, & they yll hable to bere ytt./

Towching that mi L. which consernes your self, itt is given owtt verely maliciously amongst

gentillmen & sowdyers, & amongst those of good sort that proffesse the Relygion, that your L. hath bin the only lett & overthrowe of [fol. 220v] this Holland service, disswading her majestie from the enterprise, where otherwise the Erlls of Leicester & Sussex, were earnest favorers & furtherers of ytt, who though they were noted of the contrary in the begyneng, yett acquited theme selves honorably & playnly throwhowt the actyon, in the delyng for it./ They judge verely hardly that the poore men being sent for by the Q. majestie have bin by indirect delyngs contrary to her own promis & assurans, so long & mani wayes delayed here, to their utter undoyng bothe abrode & att home, in that he assured them from the begynneng, that they sholld obteyne nothing here, butt lese their tyme. Butt in the rest, this unworthy proceding, they say with forein natyons, doth make us the hatedest men in the world & to be condempned for mere abusers; as those that do putt on Religion, pietye, & justice for a cloke, to serve humors ^withall^ & plese the tyme, while polycye onlye is made bothe justice, Religion, & God with us, hoping therby to passe furth the tyme in awthority, welthe, & securenes, whyles the state is botched up with defformityes & errors, which threttens the overthrowe of it with the first occasion, & then nott to be lamented of any./ Which speches mi L. the best servants ar communely subject unto, & therfore appertaynes to your ~~fortitude~~ [1 word expunged] fortitude & merites, to contempne theme, as in dede they be worthy: yett mete for your L. to know what passeth, that according to your wisdom yow may judge of their originall & intendement; wherin for mi knowlege & duty, I have obeyed your L. in certeffieng yow whatt I understood. assuring yow, that your verely enmyes ar compelled to say, that yow be more subject to evell judgement, for your good service, than for evell it self./

This former speche semes (I will nott affirme it butt by likelyhood & conjecture) to have his begyneng & increse of an emulation bettween Chester & Hastings, wherof it semes also, that the verely secretts that the Cowncell & the Q. have dellt in with the Hollanders, ar bewrayed abrode, & the charging of the overthrow of this busynes uppon your L. is spred amongst many, wherwith I humbly end as on redy to yelld his poore life for your L. if occasion may serve, & desireng to have agayn, if it may plese yow ^mi boxe^ fo the Testymoniall of the prises of corne in Penbroke sheere. The xiiij of marche in Redcrosse strete. 1575. Your L. most humbly forever .W. Herlllely.