

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

SP 83/16/13 f. 26r - 27v. William Herle to Sir Francis Walsingham.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 27v]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable Sir frawncs Wallsyngham Knight her majesties principall Secretorye gyve these att the Cowrtt./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 13. May 1582 From master William Hearle.

[Note:] Lres from W Herle at Anwerpe 1582

## Letter text:

[fol. 26r] I have presumed to wryte unto your honor, sondry lres synce mi abode here beyng very lothe to becom Tedyows to yow, where mi yntent was & is to do yow ani service I can, prayeng humblye therfore your honor, to vowchesave me .3. lynes agayn [marginalia by Herle: wherby I may understand] whither mi sayd lres be com to your hands, & [1 word expunged] whatt yow be ynclyned to do in so charitable an acte, as I have so often comended to your good favor, towching the cawse that suspends betwen master Wade & me, beyng lothe trulye to troble yow, speciallye with ymportunitye, whom I esteme to be mi good patron & frynd, as I never deserved. other wise att your hands, whattsoever mighte have byn conseved of me otherwise, which I comend to your own wise judgement, & to the tryall of mi actyons, that shalbe ~~all wayes~~ prompt to make proof of mi dutye & affectyon borne yow./ And this is all that I have to move your goodnes yn, sayng that I crave your good cowntenance here, which shalbe so bestowed, as bothe your honor & service shall Receve contentment therby./

Here is a poore man P. Bizurro, that wrytes a lre to your honor, & humblye desyres, yf your weyghtye afayres may so permytt, that ye will vowchesave hym an answer./

Yesterday the ordynance that is com from Turney to Owdenard, is unbarcked & was to be placed this daye in the Trenches, The P. of Parma beyng there in person./ They have butt ij placis to batter by land, & that is ij gates, which have ij strong Bullwarks before theme. And yf they do mene to have a Battrye by Monte, where in dede the wall is Lowe & weke, they may then within the Towne discharge somuche water downwards, as that the Ryver shalbe made shallow, unhable to [1 word expunged] bere their canon, & yf the medow be discovered therewith, yett can the ordynance nott be planted of that syde./ Monsieur promiseth that his forcs shalbe here by the 25. of the [1 word expunged] next moneth. The towne is of good corayge & well provyded of vyttayll & munityon for a long tyme./

Prospero Colona is loked for as generall for the K. of Spayne over all the forcs that com owtt of Italye. The Cowntt of arnebergh hath charge of other ffTrowpes, And the Dukes of Bronswyck & Lowenbergh ar expected for the sayd K. service./

Monsieurs people as the Rutters & Switzers with som french shott to joyne with theme, ar expected to com by mettz & the Contry of Lyge, to passe the mose att Stockinen & to com to werte./ Wherwith I humblye finissh. Your honors syncerely Andwerpe the 13. of maye. 1582. W. Herlle