

Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 83/16/67.i f. 140r - 141v. William Herle to Sir Francis Walsingham.

Address leaf:

[fol/ 141v]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable Sir frauncs Wallsyngham Knight her majesties [Pr]yncipall Secretorye gyve these

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 16 Julij 1582 Master William Hearle.

Letter text:

[fol. 140r] R honorable. This mornynge is the discowrse hereyncluded com to mi hands wherof as yett there be butt vj redy prynted & I send your honor ij./

The extreme passyon & vehemencye that is powred furth by the Awthor against the majestie of a kyng, is the [1 word expunged] [Rarest] & uncomlyest thyng that ever hath byn seene, & semes that it is dryven forwards by som desperacion, there with the Awthor is possessed, & woldd lykewise [marginalia by Herle: possesse] this people with, though the matter might have byn uttred yn truthe as it deserves, ~~by~~ with suche Termes, as might have proffitted the cawse, yett this maner of delyng will (yn mi poore oppynion) offend many, & precipitate somwhatt to the grett danger of the Estate, & of som others yn partyculer. Butt that which moves mi symple judgement is that I am the more conffirmed yn the P. of Orenge's debylitye or ympotentcye of mynde, whose [steve] was wont to be suche, as it dyd adorne & assure all his actyons, nott yellding to vyolent wyttes as he now dothe./

Owr Camp hath nether mete nor mony, wherof your wisdom is to conjecture the yssew. which is generall muteny & [conffusyon]./

The Enmye doth eate the Contry abowtt Gawnt & Allost, to Releve their own therby, & to bryng us to further necessitye & [Repyneyng]. yf your honor thynck good I will Repayre to Brugs, to do the best servyce I may, for her majestie shall have grett ~~neede~~ to be advertised howrly of the sucesse of thyngs here, which tend to playne Ruine. Utrecht, & [Ultra mosana] ar sayd to becom wholly mallcontents, wherof your honor shall understand more by mi next./ And ther with do humbly take mi leve. the xvj of Jule. 1582. Your honors very humblye. W. Herlleli.