Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 84/9/102 f. 247r - 248v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 248v.]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable mi very good L. the L. highe Thre[sor]or of England/&c./ [Endorsement by unknown hand:] 22 Aug. <u>1586</u> Master Herle to my L. His arrivall./

Letter text:

[fol. 247r] R. honorable L. I am presently arryved from the parts of beyond the seas, having browght your L .2. lres from the L. Generall, & on packett from that worthy Knight Sir Thomas Cecill, with sondry other lres, to be delyverd yow, by mi sellf, & to repporte by mowthe the state of things how they stand there, Butt havyng 'byn most dangerowsly' Tossed att seas with contrary wyndes, with excedyng stormes, & with incredible lightnyng & Thonders, I have nott [1 word expunged] slept synce wensday att night, landyng yester evenyng late abowtt x. of the clock att dover ‡ [marginalia by Herle: & stayed nott longer then post horses cowd be furnisshed me, wherby] I am truly mi L. so weryed, as nether my body nor mynde can well do their office, ytt may plese your L. therfore, to bere with me till tomorow, att whatt tyme I shalbe redy in attendyng uppon yow, to satisfye & discharge to my skyll, any knowlege & charge towching those matters./

I have 2. Ires allso from the sayd L. Generall to her majestie & therwith a memoriall for her in wryteng lykewise His L. hath wryten to mi Lords of her majesties Cowncell, to the L. Admirall, To master vicechamberlayne, master Secretorye &c./ menyng after that I have presented mi sellf to your L. to reppayre Imedyately to the Cowrte, & so verey humbly comendyng mi dutye to your good L. I do take mi leve/ Temple Barre, in haste att .4. of the clock this after noone 22. Awgust 1586 Your L. most dutifullye W Herllely.