

Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 70/137/[52] f. 228r - 229v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 229v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable my very good L. the Lord high Thresoror &c. give these with all spede att the Cowrtt./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 16. Mart. 1575. William Herle to my L. Monsieur de Rivers.

Letter text:

[fol. 228r] Your lre mi right honorable good L. that I Receved this mornynge, hath nott a lyttell comfforted mi dulled spirites, to se the honorable & Relygiows affectyon that yow bere so earnestly to these matters of holland which doth allso so satisfye Pawll Buys (who was with me all this fore noone, to passe furth the werynes of tyme) as he protests that your L. shall se good frute very shortly uppon his comynge home, of that servyce that he pretends to this Crowne & to her majestie to whom he vowes him sellf wholly, & all the cowrse that he & his natyon shall take in their actyons, to be directed & comanded entyerly by her majestie & non other, & doth make him sellf bolld & hable to entertayne others of the Lowe Contrey in the same devotyon towards her majestie. *Ita ut pendeant ex eiq nutu.* which God willeng he is to perfforme, with lyke care & duty: abhorryng noles he sayth, from the frenche comencements & leages, than he argues theme of levity & trecherye in their procedyngs, & of all other the most insolent where they have power to comande, nether shall his natyon have further Intelligence, with ani other strangers or neighbors, then as ytt may well plese her majestie to lyke of & allowe. Gyveng your L. most humble thancks, that it woldd plese yow to do hym that honor to lett hym understand, the inward good disposityons of [marginalia by Herle: your L. &] the better sorte [1 word expunged] ^here^ enclyned to favor their comune cawse, & that where the same doth nott so owttwardly appere for other respects that yett the inward parte doth carye the stronger menyng & force with it, wherof he was throwly perswaded he sayth, for your L. own part beffore, knowyng uppon whatt vertue & reson ye [grownd], butt mucche the more confirmed by your own speche in this now, & rejoyced to knowe others joynd with yow allso, ~~giving~~ assuryng your L. that as in partycler your travaylles, & favors for theme do lyvely expresse your owne worthynes, so in generall shall they nott be unremembred by those uppon whom ye bestowe theme, besyde that God will reward this goodnes of yowres, for whom they will contynually pray ~~for yow~~ & for her majestie & this estate, attending the good howre for their dispatche hence, when your L. shall have procured it, of whom they deppend./

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Towching Champignye, yt is lykely on waye, that he desires her majestie & menes ytt in good earnest, to be the Awthor of a peace bettween these men & K. Phillip, to th'end he may meryte the more favor of the contrey yf yt be procured by his mediatyon, & therby exclude the Awthoritye of the spaniards. that which he mislykes nott somucche, as he feres for by that lre which was intercepted by the hollanders & dd your L. ytt apperes that he is shrewdly manassed by the

