

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 46 f. 14r – 15v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 15v]

[Superscription:] To the right honorable, my verie good L. the L. high Treasurer of England etc.
geve these [at the] Courte.

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 21. Iunij 1585. Master William Herle to my L./

Letter text:

[fol. 14r] I have bin, Right honorable good L., extremely sick, by the space of xv daies, and stryven by a great quantitie of physick to overcom it, and was lastly twise lett bloud, which hath somewhat called back my straied spirites. This hath bin the occasion my good L. much to my greef, that I could not attend upon hir majestie of late, to have don hir som service that had bin verie necessarie, which hir majestie will attribute of her goodnes, to the Cawse and not to me. Wherof I beseche your L. to instruct hir according to the trewth. Among these States that com over there be sondrie my speciall freindes, who have allredie insinuated them selves unto me, wherby I shalbe hable to do hir majestie that secret service, that shall content hir greatly and be hable, as shee shall please to guyde me to Cownterpeize humors according to hir owne gracious will, To which effect, I humbly desire yow to move hir for a secret warrant of money to be bestowed upon me, to furnishe me towards this entertejment. The service and honor shalbe hirs, and myne the joye. your L. best knoweth my estate and therwith the Courage I have to do hir Majestie anie possible service; which my last travaile abroad by the space of ten monethes, with industrie and great Charges maie render testimonie of. I clayme no greater testmonie than your owne wisdom, To the which I most humbly my selfe, and in whome I assure my self, Being so weake, as I am not hable to guyde myne owne pen, wherfore I verie humbly finishe. London the xxjth of June 1585. your L. most bownden allwaies. W. Herlleli.