

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

BL MS Burney 390 f. 44r. Copy of Instructions for William Herle from Queen Elizabeth.

## Letter text:

Taking upp of money beyond the seas

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Extract of the Instruccions to William Herle sent by her Majestie to take upp a somme of money of the Maritime Citties of Hamburghe and Holsatio

You shall procure a somme of money of iiij xx or a C. thowsand powndes sterling (and not under ijxx thowsand) to be lent us uppon reasonable interest after vj in the hundred for the yeare. And in Case they shall demaund more then after vj. in the hundreth, you shall suspend your Conclusion untill you heare our mynd to accept or refuse it./

You shall make shew that the Cause of your coming is not for that purpose, untill you see such likelihood therin that you may proceed to a bargaine: & then to shewe the authority you have from us by a vertue of a Commission./

The place where you shall desire to have payment made of the money shalbe at Antwerpe before th'end of August next or els not before January following. And in case they will not agree to pay the money in any other place but at their owne home then shall you Condition that the Interest beginnes not but from the daye wee shall have it in our shippes: the which shalbe likewise before the end of September, or not before Aprill following./

The assurance that you shall make them for the repayment therof shalbe under our great Seall of England and the Seall of our Citty of London./

You shall procure the Interest to be as reasonable as may be and the bargaine so Conditionall that uppon our liking you may accept or refuse it./

A Computacon sett downe of the gaine that will rise to her Majestie by putting out againe the said money at other reasonable interest, all things dischardged./