

**Letter from William Howard, 1st baron Howard of Effingham, to Sir Thomas Browne, 1572 April 7: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the More family of Loseley Park, Surrey. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.b.238, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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M<sup>r</sup> Browne, I haue receyved the Quenes Mai<sup>ties</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>mission vnder the greate Seale of England, touchinge fugetives, in the countye of Surr/ In w<sup>ch</sup> Commission, M<sup>r</sup> Weson, M<sup>r</sup> Baron Birche M<sup>r</sup> More, M<sup>r</sup> Agmondesh<sup>a</sup>m and yo<sup>u</sup> are ioyned w<sup>th</sup> me. I purpose (god willinge) to be at my howse at Reigate vpon ffridaie nexte; where I would most willinglye haue yo<sup>u</sup> all, to consider if the content{es} of the same Co<sup>m</sup>mission, and therevpon to p<sup>ro</sup>ceede accordinglye. I praie yo<sup>u</sup> therefore finde some meanes to sende woorde hereof vnto M<sup>r</sup> Weston, M<sup>r</sup> More, M<sup>r</sup> Agmondesh<sup>a</sup>m, and M<sup>r</sup> Birche (if he be nere at hande) and y<sup>t</sup> they be w<sup>th</sup> me at my howse vpon mondaie nexte, and then we will ~~consider~~<sup>conferr</sup> together what is beste to Done / And so w<sup>th</sup> commenda<sup>co</sup>ns I bid you farewell. / ffrom the Courte this Mondaie morny<sup>ng</sup>e the vii<sup>th</sup> of Aprill / 1572 /

Yo<sup>r</sup> Lovinge frende  
W. Howard /

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L. W. Howarde

7. Apr. 1572

about a Commission for  
fugitives in Surrey  
to meet at his house at  
Reigate, to consider what  
sho<sup>d</sup> be done