

**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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Mr Browne, I have received the Queen's Majesty's Commission under the great Seal of England, touching fugitives, in the county of Surrey/ In which Commission, Mr Weston, Mr Baron Birche Mr More, Mr Agmondesham and you are joined with me. I purpose (God willing) to be at my house at Reigate upon Friday next; where I would most willingly have you all, to consider if the contents of the same Commission, and thereupon to proceed accordingly. I pray you therefore find some means to send word hereof unto Mr Weston, Mr More, Mr Agmondesham, and Mr Birche (if he be near at hand) and that they be with me at my house upon Monday next, and then we will ~~eonsider~~ conferr together what is best to Done / And so with commendations I bid you farewell. / from the Court this Monday morning the 7<sup>th</sup> of April / 1572 /

Your Loving friend  
William Howard /

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L. W. Howard

7. Apr. 1572

about a Commission for  
fugitives in Surrey  
to meet at his house at  
Reigate, to consider what  
should be done