

**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 haue receyved the Quenes Maiesties Commission vnder the greate Seale of England, touchinge fugetives, in the countye of Surrie/ In which Commission, Mr Weson, Mr Baron Birche Mr More, Mr Agmondesham and you are ioyned with me. I purpose (god willinge) to be at my howse at Reigate vpon ffridaie nexte; where I would most willinglye haue you all, to consider if the contentes of the same Commission, and theirvpon to proceade accordinglye. I praie you theirefore finde some meanes to sende woorde hereof vnto Mr Weston, Mr More, Mr Agmondesham, and Mr Birche (if he be nere at hande) and *that* they be with me at my howse vpon mondaie nexte, and then we will ~~consider~~<sup>conferr</sup> together what is beste to Done / And so with commendacions I bid you farewell. / ffrom the Courte this Mondaie mornynge the vii<sup>th</sup> of Aprill / 1572 /

Your Lovinge frende  
William 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  
should be done