

**Letter from John Donne to Sir Thomas Egerton, 1601/1602 February 13:
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Onely in that Coyne, wherin they that Delight to do benefitts,
and good turnes for the works sake, love to be payd, ame I
riche, w^{ch} ys Thankfullnes; w^{ch} I humbly and abundantly
p^rsent to yo^r lp. Beseeching yo^w, to give such way and Enter-
tainment to this vertu of Mercy, w^{ch} ys allways in yo^w, and
allwayes awake, that yt may so soften yo^w, that as yt hath
wrought for me, the best of bodily blessings, w^{ch} ys, this way
to Health, So yt may gaine my Mind her Cheife Comfort,
w^{ch} ys yo^r pardon for ^{^my} the bold and p^rsumtuous offence. All=
mighty god be allwayes so wth yo^w in this world, as yo^w may
be sure to be with him in the next.

13^o Feb: 1601

Yo^r lps

poore and repentant

Servant

I: Donne

To the right honorable
my very good L: and
Master S^r Thomas
Egerton knight, L keeper
of the great Seale
of England