

**Letter from John Donne to Sir Thomas Egerton, 1601/1602 February 13:
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Only in that Coin, wherein they that Delight to do benefits,
and good turns for the work's sake, love to be paid, am I
rich, which is Thankfulness; which I humbly and abundantly
present to your lordship. Beseeching you, to give such way and Entertainment
to this virtue of Mercy, which is always in you, and
always awake, that it may so soften you, that as it hath
wrought for me, the best of bodily blessings, which is, this way
to Health, So it may gain my Mind her Chief Comfort,
which is your pardon for my ~~the~~ bold and presumptuous offence. Almighty
God be always so with you in this world, as you may
be sure to be with him in the next.

13th February 1601
Your Lordship's
poor and repentant
Servant
John Donne

To the right honorable
my very good Lord and
Master Sir Thomas
Egerton knight, Lord keeper
of the great Seal
of England