

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

13^o *Februarii* 1601
Your *lordships*
poore and repentant
Servant
Iohn Donne

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