

**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 <sup>^my</sup> ~~the~~ bold and presumtuious 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<sup>o</sup> 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