

Endorsement :

The humble petition of y^e prisone[rs] in Framingham castle to y^e right honorable y^e LL. of the counsell.

32. *From Sir Robt. Cecill to the Bishop of London.**

54, f. 200.

My L. I grow very tender in this business because I see how the Priests wold encroach and so giue cause to cary anew harder hands of y^{em} Reade I pray you this life and see whyther this be good geare and think of it my L. for by God y^e Priest[s] swarm. I neuer loued persecution but by hea[ven] I wold be loth to be concluded Popish. yow and I will conferr of these things for we must neyther go to low nor too high. For Barrowes he is a dissembling lying foole.

For Wryght I haue sent you a warrant w^{ch} you may vse as is best for the queens service and seing there is a warrant alredy This may serve but you will find y^t he will keep open house in y^e Clink w^{ch} If he do or suffer resort he shall back againe

Your louing freend

Ro Cecyll

At foot, in other hand :

An originall Letter to the Bishop of London of Ro:
Cecills about the Priests, wherein he swears

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To the Reverend ffather in god my verie good Lord
the L. Byshopp of London.

* This letter belongs apparently to an earlier date than the rest of the papers in this volume. The "Barrowes" referred to is perhaps Henry Barrowe, the puritan, executed April 6, 1593. Cecil at that time was member of the Council, but not secretary.