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<Text: Letter>

Worschipfull lord J recomande me to 3ou and to 3our~ lordschip / And J wold pray 3ou hertli þ^t 3e
 wold her~ how þ^e fals John Wele serued me / As
 al men knoyn wel J was vndur þ^e protexion of Mered ap Owein he sende to me be tretre of my
 Cosynes Maester Edward and Edward
 ap dauid / And askyt 3yf J wold cum in And he wold gete me þ^e kyng~-is ~~<1-2 letters>~~ Charter and J
 schuld be Maester Forster and Keyshat in
 Ch<ill><a hole, ?ir></ill>ke-is lond And oþur þinges he behi3t me þ^e qwich he fulfullyt not /
 Afturward he askyt me qweþur J wold go ouer see w^t hym
 And he wold gete me my Charter of þ^e kyng~ and bring me to hym sounde and saff and J schuld
 haue . wages as muche as
 any gentilman schuld haue þ^t went w^t hym / And ouer þis he seide be-for~ þ^e Byschop of Seint
 Assaph And befor~ my
 forsaeð Cosynes þ^t raþer þen J schuld fael he wold spene of his own godde . xx . Marke / her~ apon
 J trust And gete me
 ij men and bo3t armery at al pees and horses and oþur araement and come to Oswestr~ a ny3t befor~
 or þei went / And on
 þ^e morw þerafter J . sende Piers Cambr~ þ^e Reseuour of Chirke-is lond þryes to him for to tel him þ^t
 J was redy he saed þ^t J schuld
 speke no word w^t him And at þ^e last he saed þ^t he hade no wages for me / . And þ^t he hade al his
 retenev but bade me go to sir
 Ric~ kakyn to loke qweþur he hade nede of me / w^t þ^e qwych J hade neuer ado nor no Couenande
 made / for J nold a-gon for no wages
 w^t hym ouer see . but for to haue my Charter of þ^e kyng~ and sum leuyng~ þ^t J my3t duel . in pees
 and in Rest / And þis as
 be wytnes of sir Ric~ lakyn and of Strange J . was redy and wyllly for .^[to] a-gon w^t hym hedde he be
 truw . He come And saed priuely
 to sir Ric~ and to straunge / qd he / her~ is Gruffuth ap dauid ap Gruffuth in þis town And has no
 Saecondyt but in Chirke-is
 lond And 3e mown take hym and 3e wolle / And .^[a] gode frende come and told me þis / and J . hert
 þis and trust me þens in al .



þe haste þ^t J my3t And so J . was begyllyd and deseyued of þ^t fals wele . as al men knoyn welle / And
so J hade no leuyng~ norþur
quowth no worche but take my leuyng~ as .^[gode] wolle ordeyn for~ / And as J . herd / þer ben taken
ij horses of 3our~ men þ^t wern
pyte in 3our~ parke / þoo horsys J wod qwer~ þei ben / but for~ no hatered þ^t J hade to 3ou or 3our~
lordschip / þei wern taken / but my men
toke ham / and .^[J] bo3t ham of hem / And hit was told me / þ^t 3e ben in *purpos* for to make 3our~
men bran and sle in qwade so+euer
Cuntr~ þ^t J be / and am reseued in / w^t-owten doute as mony men .^[þ^t 3e slen] And as mony howsin þ^t
3e ~~s~~ bran for my sake
as mony wol J bran And sle for 3our~ sake / And doutes not J wolle haue . boþe bredde And ale of þe
best þ^t is
in 3our~ lordschip / J can no mor~ but gode kepe 3our~ worschipffull astate in *prosperite* J-wrettin
in grete haste
at þe parke of Brinkiffo . þe xj day of June //
From Gruffuth ap dauid ap Gruffuth