

*Grindal, Bishop of London, to Sir W. Cecil.*

I pray you if it chance any suit be made for one Evans to be bishop of Llandaff, help to stay it till some examination be had of his worthiness. If any means might be found that things wickedly alienated from the See might be restored, it were well. If any comfortable stay of living might be made of it, I would wish it to Father Coverdale, now lately recovered of the plague. Surely it is not well that he *qui ante nos omnes fuit in Christo*, should be now in his age without stay of living. I may not herein excuse us bishops: somewhat I have to say for myself, for I have offered him divers things which he thought not meet for him.

Your warrant in Hatfield Park or Enfield Chase, might serve my turn very well. God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

EDM. LONDON.

*From Fulham, 20th Dec. 1563.*

*Bishop Grindal to Sir W. Cecil, Feb. 22, 1563.*

Mr. Calfhill this morning shewed me your letter to him, wherein you wish some politic order to be devised against infection. I think it very necessary, and will do my endeavor both by exhortations and otherwise. I was ready to crave your help for the purpose afore, as one not unmindful of the parish.

By search I do perceive that there is no one thing of late more like to have renewed this contagion than the practice of an idle sort of people, who have been infamous in all good and common works. I mean these *Histriones*, common players, who now daily but specially on holydays set up booths, whereinto the youth resorteth excessively, and there taketh infection. Besides that God's word by their impure mouthing is profaned, and turned into scoffing. For remedy whereof in my judgment, you should do very well to be a means that a proclamation were set forth further to inhibit all players for one whole year (and if it were forever, it were not amiss,) within the city, or three miles round about, and applying as well to the players as to the owners of the house where they play their lewd interludes.

I wrote to Mr. D. Humfray, of Oxford, to keep the day appointed him by my lord Rochester, which he will observe I doubt not.