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From a letter sent by Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Sussex, 18 November 1569. Sussex had been appointed as the Lord President of the Council of the North in July 1569. He was based in the city of York at the time the rising broke out on 9 November. The letter was drafted by William Cecil, the Secretary of State.

We have learned from your letter of 15 November how outrageously the Earls of Northumberland and Westmorland behaved at Durham by tearing the English Bible into pieces, overthrowing the communion table and encouraging the people there to join in with them. However, you did not tell us the names of the principal persons with them, the number of them, or how the townspeople of Durham reacted. You describe how the Earls claim that religion is the motivation of their actions. We order you, quickly and effectively, to publicise to all the north how untrue this claim is. The Earls seek nothing else but to subdue this realm under the rule of foreign princes. Also, one of the Earls has so wasted his inheritance that he has little to lose and will not worry about destroying the inheritances of others.

We support your intention to be prepared to confront the rebels by 21 November. Set upon them without delay if you have sufficient strength. If not, delay them with talks until re-enforcements arrive. Your statement that you doubt the loyalty of Our subjects in the north seems strange. We must have many faithful and trusty subjects there. Choose those most likely to do their duty. If any seek to stir mutiny amongst your forces, make an example of two or three by speedily executing them.

We will prepare for any foreign intervention by sea or land. Also, commissions are being sent out to the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Stafford, Lancashire and Cheshire to raise men to support you. We cannot bring Ourselves to grant pardons, at the moment, to the Earls and their chief supporters. But you may grant Our pardon to the lesser sort of men who are supporting them, according to your discretion.

We are sending Sir Ralph Sadler* to you as bearer of this letter. He will help you understand Our instructions and assist you when making decisions. He is also to act as treasurer for the sums We are sending to deal with these troubles.

* Sir Ralph Sadler – the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and a leading Privy Councillor

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