

LETTER  
King Henry VIII  
to Thomas, Cardinal Wolsey (1475–1530)

August 1517

I recommend me unto you with all my heart, and thank you for the great pain and labor that you do daily take in my business and matters, desiring you when you have well established them to take some pastime and comfort, to the intent that you may the longer endure to serve us; for always pain cannot be endured. Surely you have so substantially ordered our matters, both of this side of the sea and beyond, that, in my opinion, little or nothing can be added. Nevertheless, according to your desire, I do send you mine opinion by this bearer, the reformation whereof I do remit to you and the remnant of our trusty counselors who I am sure will substantially look on it. As touching the matter that Sir William Sandys brought answer of, I am well content with what order soever you do take in it. The queen, my wife, does desire me to make her most hearty recommendations to you as to him that she loves very well, and both she and I would know fain when you will repair to us.

No more to you at this time, but that with God's help I trust we shall disappoint our enemies of their intended purpose.

Written with the hand of your loving master,

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