

LETTERS

Anne Boleyn (c. 1501–1536)

to Thomas (1475–1530), **Cardinal Wolsey** (1515–1530)

September 1528

In my most humble wise that my heart can think, I desire you to pardon me that I am so bold to trouble you with my simple and rude writing, esteeming it to proceed from her that is most desirous to know that your grace does well, as I perceive by this bearer that you do. The which I pray God long to continue, as I am most bound to pray; for I do know the great pains and troubles you have taken for me, both day and night, is never like to be recompensed on my part, but alonely in loving you next unto the king's grace, above all creatures living. And I do not doubt but the daily proofs of my deeds shall manifestly declare and affirm my writing to be true, and I do trust you do think the same. My lord, I do assure you, I do long to hear from you news of the legate; for I do hope, an they come from you, they shall be very good, and I am sure you desire it as much as I, and more, an it were possible, as I know it is not. And thus remaining in a steadfast hope, I make an end of my letter, written with the hand of her that is most bound to be,

Henry VIII (1491–1547), King of England (1509–1547)

to Thomas (1475–1530), **Cardinal Wolsey** (1515–1530)

The writer of this letter would not cease till she had caused me likewise to set to my hand; desiring you, though it be short, to take it in good part. I assure you there is neither of us but that greatly desireth to see you, and much more joyous to hear that you have scaped this plague so well, trusting the fury thereof to be past, specially with them that keepeth good diet, as I trust you do. The not hearing of the legate's arrival in France causeth us somewhat to muse; notwithstanding, we trust by your diligence and vigilancy (with the assistance of Almighty God) shortly to be eased out of that trouble. No more to you at this time; but that I pray God send you as good health and prosperity, as the writer would. By your loving sovereign and friend, Henry, K

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