

Letter 87: 29 March 1521, Wiesbaden, Capito to Girolamo Aleandro

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[*Summary*]: Capito thanks Aleandro for recommending him to Cardinal Giovanni de Medici. He mentions a recent encounter with a partisan of Luther in Frankfurt who reproached Aleandro for opposing Luther and for trying to destroy Reuchlin, Erasmus, and humanist learning. Capito defended Aleandro by pointing out that Aleandro appreciated Luther's intellectual powers, but not his radicalism and their consequences and that the English are now ambivalent towards Luther. Aleandro and Erasmus are in agreement, and Aleandro is protecting humanist scholarship, as he demonstrated by helping Capito in the affair of the provostship of St. Thomas.

Capito reports meeting with Johannes Cochlaeus, whose work for religious peace he praises warmly. He warned Cochlaeus not to share his plans with anyone except Aleandro and to give the impression of fairness in his writings against Luther. Capito recommends Cochlaeus to Aleandro.