

Decode Mary's letter

In 1568, Mary, Queen of Scots was imprisoned in England by her cousin Queen Elizabeth I of England. 18 years later a plot was made to kill Elizabeth. Details of this plot were sent to Mary in a coded letter. She decoded this letter using a 'cypher' and replied with another coded letter. This letter was intercepted and used as evidence against her. Mary was found guilty of plotting to kill Elizabeth and on the 8 February 1587 Mary was beheaded at Fortheringay Castle.

Use this cypher to decode Mary's letter.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	a	b	c	d

*Sdaj whh eo nawzu, pda oet cajphaiaj iqop xa oap pk skng, wjz sdaj ep eo
wyykilheodaz, E iwu xa ej okia swu ckp wswu bnki dana ... pdaj sa sehh wswep bknaecj
wooeopwjya.*

When _____,

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_____ ... _____

a s s i s t a n c e