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SUMMARY: The document below is a copy of a letter dated 16 June 1595 from Lord Burghley to Oxford concerning the farm of the tin mines. For a fuller discussion of this matter, see CP 170/126 and other related documents on this website.

My Lord, I am sorry that my last letters doth not so satisfy you as I meant. For my mistaking of your writing, I may confess it possible, but I do not know it. If I did, I would confess it. If my speeches with Catcher have not been agreeable to your mind, therein I confess mine error, for I took Catcher from the beginning to have been your informer, for by some you must have been informed, and I see now by your letter it is not Catcher, but rather one Roberts, whom I know not otherwise than that I hear that one Roberts is Catcher's son-in-law, but whether he be the party whom you commend, I know not.

But to the body of the matter. My Lord, besides my writing yesterday, I did this day very earnestly move her Majesty to command a stay of the delivery, to the intent the same might be bought for her Majesty's profit, but I assure you, my Lord, I was sharply rebuked for the reiterating of this matter, so as I mean to deal no more therein without her Majesty shall command me. And where your Lordship hath conceived that, to your misfortune, it seemeth to your Lordship that I am won from you, therein whosoever hath moved you so to think, they do me manifest wrong. And if I might know any that should so give cause to slander me, I would both reprove & disprove them, adding that (as God shall save me) I have furthered your motions to the offence of others, and so I mind not to deal any further herein. From Greenwich the 16th of June 1595.

Your Lordship's at command to please you.

Endorsed: (in Lord Burghley's hand) xvij Jun{ij} 1595, copy of my letter to the Earl of Oxford for tinworks.