
SUMMARY: In this letter dated 13 December 1563 to Sir William Cecil, Master of the Court of Wards, Robert Newdigate, feodary of Buckinghamshire, reports that he has so far received only £60 of Oxford's revenues in that county. The letter suggests the cash-flow problems experienced by noblemen such as Oxford because of the irregularity with which their revenues from lands were paid to them by the lessees.

Right honourable, my duty humbly remembered to your Honour with my like humble thanks for your goodness unto me heretofore showed, these are then to advertise the same that I have herewith sent by my nephew, John Newdigate, the bearer hereof, unto your Honour to th' use of the young Earl of Oxford threescore pounds, the which, I assure your Honour, is all that I have as yet received of Michaelmas revenue, but I am now riding about the country to gather up the rest. I have also herewith sent a letter according to my suit to your Honour at my last being with you for the keeping of the counts(?), which if it shall please your Honour to subscribe & send unto me by this bearer, I doubt not but to use such diligence in that service as your Honour shall no whit mislike your appointment. And so leaving any further to molest your Honour, do humbly take my leave of the same. From my brother's house at Harefield this 13th of December 1563.

Your Honour's forever to command,
Robert Newdigate