
SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 12 June 1603 from Oxford to Robert Cecil, who had been ennobled on 13 May 1603 as Baron Cecil of Essendon. Oxford asks that Cecil assist him, together with Charles Howard (1536-1624), 1st Earl of Nottingham, the Lord Admiral, in procuring an end to his suit concerning Waltham Forest.

For the writ of privy seal dated 18 July 1603 by which King James restored to Oxford his rights to the keepership and stewardship of Waltham Forest see TNA C 66/1612, mm. 29-30.

My very good Lord, I know that you are so charged with public affairs that you can have little leisure or none at all to underake a private cause, especially concerning another. This therefore which you do for me I do conceive it in your particular favour, and so I take it, and you shall find me therefore ever thankful. These shall be therefore to desire your Lordship that with my very good Lord and friend, my Lord Amiral, that you will procure me a full end of this suit wherein I have spent so long a time, and passed the greatest part of mine age. The cause is right, the King just, and I do not doubt but your Lordships, both mine honourable friends, according to your words I shall find you in deeds. Therefore in a full confidence of your Lordship's most friendly favours, I will leave to hinder your more serious businesses. This 12th of June.

Your Lordship's most assured friend and brother-in-law,

E. Oxenforde

Endorsed: to the right honourable my very good Lord, the Lord of Essingdon

Endorsed: 12 June 1603, Earl of Oxenford to my Lord