
SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 26 January 1607 from Sir John Egerton to Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, concerning a lease of Bidston Park, Cheshire, held of William Stanley (1561 – 29 September 1642), 6th Earl of Derby, and his wife, Oxford's daughter Elizabeth de Vere (1575-1627).

For Sir John Egerton (1551 - 28 April 1614) see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/egerton-sir-john-1551-1614>.

Right Honourable, I have been desirous to have done my duty unto your Honour, but your Honour's leisure, as I was informed, was such that I could not.

My desire was in regard of my infinite charge and trouble that I have been put unto about the cause of Bidston, that by your Honour's help and furtherance unto the Earl of Derby and my Lady that it might stand with their Honours' liking that I may enjoy my lease of the same, or that it would please their Honours to give me consideration for the years which I have therein.

My humble suit is that I might have leave to attend your Honour, submitting myself and my cause to your Honour's consideration. I do humbly take my leave this 26 January 1606 [=1607].

Your Honour's to command,

John Egerton

I beseech your Honour, cast your eye over this petition.

Endorsed: To the right honourable his very good Lord the Earl of Salisbury

Endorsed: 26 of January 1606 [=1607], Sir John Egerton to my Lord