
SUMMARY: The excerpt below from a letter written on 8 July 1574 by the French ambassador to England, Bertrand de Salignac Fenelon (1523-1589), seigneur de la Mothe, to Queen Catherine de Medici, Regent of France, reports Oxford's flight to the continent on 1 July 1574, and the consternation his sudden departure has caused at court.

The excerpt below is taken from *Correspondance Diplomatique de Bertrand de Salignac, de la Mothe Fenelon, Ambassadeur de France en Angleterre de 1568 a 1575*, (Paris and London, 1840), Vol. VI, p. 177.

And I will add only that on Saturday last the Earl of Oxford and my Lord Edward Somerset [sic] slipped away from here to pass to Flanders, with which this court is much troubled.

The 8th day of July 1574

. . . . Et adjouxteray seulement que, samedy dernier, le comte d'Oxford et milord Edwart de Sommerset se sont desrobez d'icy pour passer en Flandres, de quoy ceste court est assez troublée.

Ce viije jour de juillet 1574