
SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 16 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 a warrant from the Council necessary 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, his Majesty hath heard his Attorney-General's report as touching mine interest to the keeping of the Forest and the park of Havering, and I receiving from your Lordship and mine Lord Admiral his resolution, according to my Lord Admiral's direction I have sent to Mr Attorney to set his hand to my particular. But as I am answered by his letter that he cannot do the same unless he be warranted by six of the Council's hands, according to a late decree of his Majesty which he doth require, I most earnestly therefore desire your Lordship, as to the like purpose I have written to my Lord Admiral, that you will procure me such a warrant, sith it is agreeable to his Majesty's mind, as from yourselves I have been ascertained. And this in effect is my request which, not to be troublesome to your Lordship, I end with my hearty commendations this 16 of June.

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

Edward Oxenforde

Endorsed: To the right honourable my very good Lord the Lord Cecil of Essendon

Endorsed: 16 June 1603, Earl of Oxford to my Lord