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SUMMARY: The document below is a letter from Oxford to Sir Robert Cecil requesting his assistance in obtaining the governorship of the Isle of Jersey after the death of Sir Anthony Paulet on 22 July 1600. The Queen bestowed the post on Sir Walter Raleigh (1554–1618), who was appointed Governor of Jersey on 26 August 1600.

Although my bad success in former suits to her Majesty have given me cause to bury my hopes in the deep abyss and bottom of despair rather than now to attempt, after so many trials made in vain & so many opportunities escaped, the effects of fair words or fruits of golden promises, yet for that I cannot believe but that there hath been always a true correspondency of word and intention in her Majesty, I do conjecture that, with a little help, that which of itself hath brought forth so fair blossoms will also yield fruit. Wherefore, having moved her Majesty lately about the office of the Isle, which by the death of Sir Anthony Paulet stands now in her Majesty's disposition to bestow where it shall best please her, I do at this present most heartily desire your friendship and furtherance; first, for that I know her Majesty doth give you good ear; then, for that our houses are knit in alliance; last of all, the matter itself is such as nothing chargeth her Majesty, sith it is a thing she must bestow upon some one or other. I know her Majesty hath suitors already for it, yet such as, for many respects her Majesty may call to remembrance, ought in equal balance to weigh lighter than myself. And I know not by what better means, or when, her Majesty may have an easier opportunity to discharge the debt of so many hopes as her promises have given me cause to embrace than by this, which give she must, & so give as nothing extraordinarily doth part from her. If she shall not deign me this in an opportunity of time so fitting, what time shall I attend (which is uncertain to all men) unless in the graves of men there were a time to receive benefits and good turns from princes? Well, I will not use more words, for they may rather argue mistrust than confidence. I will assure myself and not doubt of your good office, both in this but in any honourable friendship I shall have cause to use you. Hackney.

Your loving and assured friend and brother,

Edward Oxenford