
SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 14 March 1596 from Oxford to Lord Burghley concerning further information required by Lord Burghley on points recently made by Oxford in notes on the pre-emption of tin.

My very good Lord, whereas in my late notes I sent unto you concerning the pre-emption of tin I understand that there are some points whereof you would be satisfied(?), and for that I am ignorant what they be, I know not how to do the same unless it would please your Lordship by some means, as you shall think best, to notify them unto me.

And whereas I received a most favourable message from your Lordship by your servant Hicks, these shall be to desire the continuance of so good an intention to further my suit unto her Majesty, who although I find of herself to have oftentimes sundry good motions and dispositions to do me good, yet for want of such a friend as your Lordship that may settle her inclination to a full effect, I perceive all my hopes but fucate, and my haps to wither in the herb.

But now, settling an assured confidence in your Lordship's proffered help (and of me most earnestly at this time desired), hereafter I will expect a more fruitful harvest of my long labour, putting my trust wholly in your Lordship, whose honourable intention towards me I pray God to continue, and to give me hereafter means to acknowledge according to your merit and my desire. This present the 14 of March, 1595 [=1596].

Your Lordship's to command,
Edward Oxeford

Endorsed: To the right honourable & his very good Lord, the Lord Treasurer of England

Endorsed: 14 Martij, Earl of Oxford