
SUMMARY: The document below is a translation in the Calendar of State Papers Venetian of a letter dated 3 April 1576 from Giovanni Francesco Morosini (1537-1596), the Venetian ambassador in France, to the Venetian Signory mentioning Oxford's arrival in Paris on his way back to England, and reporting Oxford's appreciation of the 'numerous courtesies' he had received in Venice.

The transcript below is taken from Brown, Rawdon and G. Cavendish Bentinck, eds., *Calendar of State Papers and Manuscripts Relating to English Affairs Existing in the Archives and Collections of Venice and in Other Libraries of Northern Italy*, Vol. VII, 1558-1580 (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1890), pp. 548-9. See also <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=95096>.

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653. Giovanni Francesco Morosini, Venetian Ambassador in France, to the Signory

The Earl of Oxford, an English gentlemen, has arrived here. He has come from Venice, and, according to what has been said to me by the English Ambassador here resident [Dale], speaks in great praise of the numerous courtesies which he has received in that city, and he reports that on his departure from Venice your Serenity had already elected an Ambassador to be sent to his Queen, and the English Ambassador expressed the greatest satisfaction at the intelligence. I myself, not having received any information from your Serenity or from any of my correspondents, did not know what answer to give concerning this matter.

Paris, 3rd April 1576

[Italian]