
SUMMARY: The document below summarizes a letter dated 11 November 1577 written from London by Thomas Screven to Edward Manners (1549–1587), 3rd Earl of Rutland, announcing that the marriage of Oxford's sister, Mary de Vere (d.1624), is being deferred since the Queen had not given licence, nor has Oxford entirely consented.

The summary below is taken from *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Twelfth Report, Appendix, Part IV. The Manuscripts of His Grace the Duke of Rutland, G.C.B., Preserved at Belvoir Castle*. (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1888), Vol. 1, p. 115, available online.

The marriage of the Lady Mary Vere is deferred until after Christmas, for as yet neither has Her Majesty given licence, nor has the Earl of Oxford wholly assented thereto.