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SUMMARY: This excerpt commending Oxford as the best of the court poets is taken from William Webbe's Discourse of English Poetry published in 1586.

I MAY NOT OMIT the deserved commendations of many honourable and noble lords and gentlemen in her Majesty's court which in the rare devices of poetry have been and yet are most excellent skilful, among whom the right honourable Earl of Oxford may challenge to himself the title of the most excellent among the rest.