
SUMMARY: In this letter of 13 June 1595, Oxford asks Lord Burghley that Alderman John Catcher be sent down to Cornwall to investigate the true quantity of tin produced, although he fears Middleton, whom the Queen had sent down earlier, will return before Catcher can be sent, it being advisable that the two should work together in the investigation. Oxford had made the request that someone of his appointment be sent down to Cornwall with Middleton on 7 June 1595 in SP 12/252/57.

My good Lord, although I doubt that Middleton will be ready to return before any other can now arrive to the place where he is, yet sith I have engaged myself so far in her Majesty's service to bring the truth to light (although some cause I have had to discourage me to proceed further in this matter), yet I would be glad that Alderman Catcher might have warrant to join with Middleton for mine own satisfaction, who, although some have reported him simple, yet I have found honest, and whither I direct him I know he will both speedily go and effectually and honestly perform what is to be expected, & what I most earnestly in her Majesty's service desire. This 13 June, 1595.

Your Lordship's to command,
Edward Oxenford.

Addressed: To the right honourable and his good Lord, my Lord Treasurer of England

Endorsed: 13 June 1595, Earl of Oxford, Alderman Catcher