
SUMMARY: The document below consists of two extracts from the Acts of the Privy Council stating that on 19 July 1556 the Privy Council, having learned of a conspiracy in Suffolk, sent a letter to the 16th Earl of Oxford and to the Justices of Oyer and Terminer in Essex notifying them of the conspiracy and urging vigilance and the apprehension of a suspected conspirator. The excerpt below is taken from Dasent, John Roche, ed., *Acts of the Privy Council of England*, New Series, 32 vols., (1890-1964) at vol. V, p. 310. For a further letter from the Privy Council to the 16th Earl on this matter, see Dasent, pp. 311-12.

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A letter to the Justices and Commission of Oyer and Terminer in the county of Suffolk of thanks for their diligence in th' apprehending of certain that went about a conspiracy, whom they are willed diligently to examine to what purpose they conspired, and who were of counsel with them or privy to their doings, and thereupon to confer with some learned man in those parts whereunto their offences do weigh in law, and so to proceed with them according to th' order of the laws.

A letter to th' Earl of Oxford and the Justices in Commission of Oyer and Terminer in Essex signifying unto them the said intended conspiracy, and willing them therefore to have a more vigilant eye to their charge, and to make diligent search for one that nameth himself Tudgeover, and t' apprehend him, for the better searching and apprehending of which lewd person there are joined in Commission of Oyer and Terminer with them Sir Henry Doyle, Sir John Bruse, knights, and William Foster, esquire.