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SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 19 June 1603 from Oxford to Robert Cecil, who had been ennobled on 13 May 1603 as Baron Cecil of Essendon. Oxford asks that Cecil assist him in procuring a warrant from the Council necessary to his suit concerning Waltham Forest.

For the writ of privy seal dated 18 July 1603 by which King James restored to Oxford his rights to the keepership and stewardship of Waltham Forest see TNA C 66/1612, mm. 29-30.

My Lord, I understand how honourably you do persevere in your promised favour to me, which I taking in most kind manner can at this time acknowledge it but by simple yet hearty thanks, hoping in God to offer me at some time or other the opportunity whereby I may in more effectual manner express my grateful mind.

I further also understand that this day Mr Attorney is like to be at the Court, wherefore I most earnestly desire your Lordship to procure an end of this my suit, in seeking whereof I am grown old and spent the chiefest time of mine age. The case, as I understand by your Lordship, Sir E. Coke, his Majesty's Attorney, hath reported; the justice thereof I do not doubt, but doth appear there remaineth only a warrant according to the King's late order to be signed by the six Lords in Commission, whereby Mr Attorney-General may proceed according to the course usual.

The King, I hear, doth remove tomorrow towards Windsor, whereby if by your Lordship's especial favour you do not procure me a full end this day or tomorrow, I cannot look for anything more than a long delay. I do well perceive how your Lordship doth travail for me in this cause of an especial grace and favour, notwithstanding the burden of more importunate and general affairs than this of my particular, wherefore how much the expedition of this matter concerns me I leave to your wisdom, that in your own apprehension can read more than I have written. To conclude, I wholly rely upon your Lordship's honourable friendship, for which I do vow a most thankful and grateful mind. This 19 of June.

Your most loving assured friend and brother-in-law,

E. Oxenforde

Endorsed: To the right honourable, my very good Lord, the Lord Cecil of Essendon

Endorsed: 19 June 1603, Earl of Oxford to my Lord