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SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 12 April 1605 from Oxford's son-in-law, William Stanley (1561 – 29 September 1642), 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Derby, to Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, complaining of ill health, and sending the love of his wife and duty of his children, from which it appears that the Earl had at least two children by this time.

My very good Lord, my most loving commendations remembered, so it is I have not had my health, and being here at the Bath do find great ease, and therefore thought fit to desire your Lordship to excuse my absence at this time, but in the interim if I be able to travel, as I have found it troublesome to come hither, I will not fail to be there.

Thus acknowledging myself highly beholding to your Lordship I leave to trouble you, commending the love of my wife and the duty of my children to your Lordship. Bath, this 12<sup>th</sup> of April.

Your Lordship's loving nephew and friend to my power,

William Derby

Endorsed: To the right honourable my very good Lord th' Earl of Salisbury, one of the Lords [+of?] his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, these

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