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SUMMARY: The document below is the letter dated 29 January 1608 from John Tyndall to Oxford's brother-in-law, Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, concerning a wardship related to lands at Castle Hedingham which now belonged to Oxford's three daughters. For the licence dated 2 December 1591 authorizing Oxford to alienate Castle Hedingham to Lord Burghley and Oxford's three daughters, see TNA C 66/1392, mm. 30-31.

Right Honourable and my very good Lord,

In my humble duty and service to your Lordship, being put in trust by your Honour for the preservation of the rights of the three right honourable Ladies, the daughters of the late Earl of Oxenford, deceased, concerning the lordship of Castle Hedingham and other their lands in the county of Essex, may it please your Honour to understand that I having been informed that by the means of one Mr Paul Powle there was an office found in the time of the late Queen's Majesty that one Thomas Purcas, late of Much Yeldham in the county of Essex, died seised of certain petit parcels of lands there holden of her Highness as of her Honour of Richmond by knight's service, I perused such evidences as remained in my custody concerning the said Castle, and thereby found it very plain and manifest that the land pretended to be immediately holden of the Honour of Richmond was immediately holden of the said Castle of Hedingham, and that the Earls of Oxenford did hold the same ever of the Honour of Richmond, so as the wardship of the son of this Purcas doth in my understanding plainly belong unto your Lordship on the behalf of the said three Ladies, and they been the immediate tenants unto the King's Majesty of the same lands.

This hath been showed to the said Paul Powle and such other as have dealt in this cause, and I hoped they had been satisfied, but it is followed still, as I am informed, to the great vexation and charge of the poor young man, & in effect to the undoing of some other poor orphans his brethren and sister, and to the prejudice of the rightful inheritance of the said three Ladies, which I humbly beseech your Honour in your wisdom to consider of without putting the poor young man and his friends to greater charge than they be well able to bear. And so with my duty I humbly take my leave. Lincoln's Inn, 29 January 1608.

Your Lordship's humbly at all command,

John Tyndall